

Court decision ends 'nightmare' for some parents in Cleveland controversy

Judge orders release of sex abuse 'victims'

By Craig Seton

A High Court judge yesterday ordered that some of the 20 children of eight families involved in the Cleveland child abuse controversy should be released from council care and returned home to their parents.

But, Mr Justice Hollis, sitting in chambers in the Family Division of the High Court in Leeds, decided that the remaining children will have to stay in the care of Cleveland Social Services until a full hearing of three test cases in the High Court on July 20.

He ordered that arrangements should be made for those parents to have access to their children while they remain in care.

According to solicitors representing the families, the judge ordered that full details of his decision should not be

disclosed after yesterday's private, all-day hearing.

Later it was understood that four of the eight families from Cleveland who challenged medical evidence that their children had been sexually abused succeeded in their applications for interim custody of their children.

None of the parents involved would comment as they rushed from court, some

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of them smiling broadly and others close to tears.

All 20 children had been made wards of court in Middlesbrough last week when their parents first attempted to have them returned home after getting independent medical evidence challenging the findings of paediatricians from Middlesbrough General Hospital that they had been sexually abused.

The 20 children are among 202 children from the south Cleveland area who were reported as having been taken into care since May 1 after allegations of sexual abuse. Cleveland County Council said yesterday that the figure had been misunderstood and that there were, in fact, far fewer children in care.

Their cases were referred to the High Court by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, because of the public interest in the case.

After yesterday's hearing, the cases of three of the families involved will now be heard in full before a High Court judge in chambers on July 20.

Mr David Scourfield, a solicitor representing one of

the families involved, said: "Those three cases will be lead cases which will test the evidence in this affair. They will be a precedent."

"Some of the children involved today have been allowed to return home as soon as their parents can collect them. Access has been allowed to those parents whose children have not been allowed home."

During yesterday's hearing Mr Justice Hollis heard evidence submitted by affidavit by Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, the consultant paediatricians from the Middlesbrough hospital who had diagnosed sexual abuse in the cases of some of the children involved.

Dr Raine Roberts, a senior Manchester police surgeon and a specialist in child abuse cases, together with Dr David Paul, a Harley Street consultant, had said that their findings indicated that the majority of children they had examined had not been sexually abused.

After hearing the judge's decision, one couple, whose three children have been in care in Middlesbrough for two weeks, left the court smiling broadly but refused to comment to journalists.

As they left the waiting area outside court number two, where the case was heard, the woman stopped briefly to kiss and embrace another mother whose three children are also in care.

The young woman who had been kissed burst into tears and her husband said: "It has been a nightmare. That is the only way to describe it."

"We are still waiting to hear whether we will get our children back or not."

Hurd pledge on 'soft' sentences

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, confessed yesterday that the Government had been reluctant to take all the action that it would wish against the imposition of over-lenient sentences by the courts because of the shortage of places in Britain's overcrowded prisons.

In a Commons speech during the Queen's Speech debate, Mr Hurd announced that the Government intends to introduce new measures to cut down the use of offensive weapons, especially the carrying of knives by young people. He also spoke of a crisis in Britain's prison system and confirmed that the Government intends to amend the new Criminal Justice Bill to be tabled today to act against over-lenient sentences.

Mr Hurd told MPs that he has set in hand a study of how the law relating to the possession of knives and other sharp bladed instruments could be reinforced and revealed that Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's spokesman, had offered to join in discussing how the law on such weapons could be strengthened.

The difficulty the Government faces is in making changes which will discourage the carrying of offensive weapons without catching those who, like fishermen, for instance, had a legitimate reason for carrying a knife.

Mr Kaufman said last night that he had written to Mr

Hurd last week urging action not just on the carrying of weapons but also on their availability. Labour is concerned about magazines which offer a wide range of dangerous knives for sale by mail order and wants to see the postal regulations tightened up.

When he came to discuss the concern about over-lenient sentences, Mr Hurd confirmed, as reported in *The Times* on Monday, that the Government is considering going beyond the provisions in the Criminal Justice Bill which will with the General Election and which provided only for the Court of Appeal to lay down guidelines for future cases after an objection by the Attorney General to an over-lenient sentence.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, and Lord Denning are among those now understood to be backing the call for the prosecution to have a full right of appeal, which would enable the Appeal Court actually to revise the sentence upwards in that particular case.

Mr Hurd indicated his support for such a move by saying yesterday that the Government was "actively looking" at means of strengthening its original proposals, though no decisions have yet been taken.

Though the new Bill would contain unchanged provisions, he hoped that there would be changes at a later stage reflecting work he had set in hand before the election.



Back to court: parents seeking the release of children held in care because of alleged sexual abuse enter the High Court in Leeds

Thatcher takes EEC to task on finance reform

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Mrs Thatcher, alone among European Community leaders, yesterday held out against key elements in a financial reform package debated at the Brussels summit.

The summit was marked by tart exchanges, with Mrs Thatcher accused of a "housewife" attitude and the President of the European Commission threatening to resign unless the EEC overhauled its parous finances by the end of this year.

After drawn-out talks the summit moved some distance towards a consensus on new guidelines for the reform of EEC finances and farm spending. But because of continuing differences the guidelines are to be reviewed in six months' time at the next EEC summit in Copenhagen. Mrs Thatcher, taking a decisive stand in the face of accusations that she was isolated and intransigent, blocked total agreement by refusing to make "open ended commitments".

"It is Maggie against the universe," one diplomat said. But Mrs Thatcher's spokesman dismissed talk of British isolation as facile, saying that it was hardly surprising the EEC found it difficult to reach unanimity on matters with such enormous political consequences. British officials said that the main sticking point was Britain's objection to including all the "eccentricities, extravagances and overruns" in farm spending since 1984 when calculating a

new starting point for agricultural finance.

The row over the EEC's financial crisis, including this year's budget shortfall of nearly \$4 billion came on the second day of the summit which dragged on into late evening.

Leaders of the "Northern" countries as well as those from the poorer "Southern" states, such as Spain and Ireland, urged Mrs Thatcher to accept

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a Belgian compromise. But the Prime Minister insisted on precise and tough references to "binding and effective controls on spending".

Britain later backed down on increases in regional funds for the southern states, saying it could agree to increased regional and social spending, provided it was balanced with overall budgetary discipline.

Mrs Thatcher also said that it was far too early to consider whether the VAT rate of national contributions to EEC coffers should be increased from 1.4 per cent to 1.6 per cent, as envisaged by the Fontainebleau summit of 1984, let alone to suddenly shift the basis of EEC revenue, raising the Gross National Product (GNP) as proposed by the EEC.

France and West Germany, which had previously been aligned with Britain in emphasizing budgetary strin-

gency, urged acceptance of the compromise put forward by the Belgian presidency, and said that Mrs Thatcher was isolated 11-1. A British spokesman said that Mrs Thatcher's isolation was being exaggerated. "They are trying to put us in the doghouse," he said curdly.

Among a number of terse exchanges M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, accused Mrs Thatcher of "lacking Community spirit".

M Jacques Delors, the Commission President, who has staked his EEC career on a complete overhaul of EEC finances, intervened after a powerful lecture by Mrs Thatcher on budget discipline and threatened to resign.

The EEC compromise supports GNP as the future basis of EEC revenue because it is based on "the relative prosperity of member states". On regional spending for "structural" funds, the proposals avoid specifying a doubling of the funds as demanded by the Commission, but called for the "swift adoption" of a new EEC research programme, still being held up by British objections. On agriculture, the proposals suggest further mechanisms or "stabilizers" to curb output.

Observers said that Mrs Thatcher's resolute stand and indifference to charges of isolation had clearly been bolstered by her recent election triumph.

News International buys 'Today' in £38 million deal

By David Sapped

Britain's first colour national newspaper, *Today*, which has been troubled by cash problems since its launch 16 months ago, was bought last night by News International.

A £38 million cash bid by News International, which also owns *The Times* and *The Sun*, brought to an end an extraordinary takeover battle which, at the weekend, appeared to have been won by the Mirror Group's Mr Robert Maxwell.

On Monday, however, Mr Maxwell abruptly withdrew his offer when News International reopened negotiations with Mr Tiny Rowland's Lonrho group, which took over a controlling interest in *Today* from Mr Eddie Shah last year.

Staff at the newspaper's south London headquarters were informed of the sale last night and the resignation of the editor-in-chief, Mr Dennis Hackett. Mr David Montgomery, editor of the *News of the World*, takes over as editor and managing director.

Mr Montgomery said last night: "It is probably the biggest challenge to restore to the national newspaper middle market exciting and entertaining journalism. We are starting with what is essentially a very good paper already."

News International also broke new ground by naming Miss Wendy Henry, editor of

the *News of the World's Sunday magazine*, to replace Mr Montgomery, becoming the first woman editor of a national newspaper in modern times.

The sale of *Today* is subject to the approval of the Trade and Industry Secretary, Lord Young. A referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is automatic if the combined sales of two newspapers is more than 300,000, unless the paper being bought is in dire financial straits.

Today is believed to be heading for a £30 million loss in the year to September and, last month, financial problems forced the closure of *Sunday Today*. However, circulation and advertisement figures have improved recently and the newspaper, which sells about 340,000 copies a day, is believed to have cut its losses to about £1 million a month.

Mr Montgomery said he believed he had a good, young staff which could turn it into a success.

One senior reporter said after the announcement of the sale: "Everyone has known for some months that the paper would have to be sold. The feeling now is one of relief that it did not go to Maxwell."

The paper was launched in March last year by Mr Shah.

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Fall-out stations promised

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A nationwide network of stations to monitor nuclear fall-out is to be set up in Britain in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, the Prime Minister announced last night.

Special "hotlines" established between Whitehall departments and London, Edinburgh and Cardiff immediately after the Soviet nuclear accident are to be continued as part of a contingency plan.

But, after a detailed analysis of the Chernobyl disaster, Mrs Thatcher said that even a nuclear accident on the French or Belgian coasts would be "most unlikely" to produce effects in Britain needing emergency evacuation, shelter, or distribution of potassium iodide tablets.

In a Commons written answer the Prime Minister said arrangements would have to be made to cover:

- Treatment of people returning from affected areas overseas for effects of exposure to radiation.
- Possible contamination of food and water.
- Advice to British people abroad.
- The import and export of contaminated goods.

Portfolio Gold

● There is £8,000 to be won today in the Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner yesterday.
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GEC slips

GEC's annual pretax profits fell from £701 million to £668 million. The dividend is lifted to 5.3p.
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Tripos results for the final secondary examination Part III and English Part I are published today.
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More hot weather on the way

By Andrew Morgan

The London Weather Centre says more hot weather is on the way, although temperatures and humidity showed a slight drop yesterday as a front moved across Britain.

London recorded yesterday's highest temperature reading of 77 F.

The weekend should be warm with thunderstorms threatening next week.

At Wimbledon yesterday Anders Jarryd and Mikael Pernfors joined Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg in the last eight to form a concerted Swedish attack on the championships. Chris Evert and Gabriela Sabatini were taken to three sets; the American by Rosalind Fairbank of South Africa, and the Argentinian by Natalia Zvereva, the 16-year-old from Minsk.

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Scargill is warned on six-day week

By Tim Jones

The National Union of Mineworkers was warned yesterday by Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, that he will do without them rather than risk the future of the industry if they continue to resist the introduction of a six-day working week.

His uncompromising message, after an uncompromising meeting with Mr Arthur Scargill, prompted the NUM president to commit himself to a gamble which could effectively destroy his power.

Mr Scargill said that he hoped next week's national conference of the union would call for an individual ballot of members which would reject the controversial issue of new working practices.

Mr Scargill and his supporters on the executive resisted a ballot throughout the miners' strike, in spite of being told that other unions would sup-

port them only if one was held.

One senior union member said last night: "If the delegates commit Arthur to a ballot and he loses then his influence will be broken."

Sir Robert said yesterday: "We won't go ahead with new investment unless we have flexible working. I do believe that as far as this industry is concerned it is the last call for dinner."

Mr Scargill was left in no doubt that in order to beat off the threat of international competition, British Coal would be willing to open talks with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

The six-day working week issue primarily concerns the proposed £90 million superpit complex at Margam, south Wales, but British Coal is determined to introduce it to every coalfield where there is major investment.

Financier is 'fairy godparent' of Opren victims

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Godfrey Bradman, the financier and property magnate, was revealed yesterday as the "fairy godparent" who has offered to underwrite £2 million of the legal costs of claimants fighting the manufacturers of the arthritis drug, Opren.

A total of 1,500 are claiming damages from the American drug firm Ely Lilly, its British subsidiary, Distaproducts, the Committee on the Safety of Medicines and the DHSS.

Opren was withdrawn from sale in 1982 after it was linked with 74 deaths and nearly 4,000 cases of illness, including kidney and liver failure.

Citizen Action, it was said that the claimants' campaign will also be stepped up outside the legal system. Mr Bradman is the group's other director.

Mr Wilson said Mr Bradman was "an extremely modest man, very compassionate, with a great concern about the environment and health." Mr Bradman would have preferred to remain anonymous, but had to reveal his identity to the court. He did not attend the press conference.

Mr Jack Ashley, MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, has tabled an early day motion condemning Ely Lilly for hiding behind the inadequacies of British law and urging the firm to compensate British victims in the same way as those in the United States. He has urged ministers, if this

is not done, to refuse all further NHS contracts with Ely Lilly.

Mr Wilson said the company should realize that the matter "will not rest" with the court case alone. Citizen Action would campaign to educate the public on the case and would appeal for widespread public support, partly in order to shame the company into settling the matter quickly. The campaign is being launched with a full-page advertisement in *The Times*.

Mr Richard Bailey, for Ely Lilly, said: "We are a responsible and caring company and we sincerely regret side effects when they occur to people taking medicines, whether or not they are attributed to the medicine. We are not unfeeling about these things."

"But they are asking us to do something which no pharmaceutical company can contemplate: compensate people claiming to suffer from a wide variety of symptoms without, first of all, having full medical reports."

He said essential information was available on less than half the claims, but added that cases would now be dealt with without delay "where we believe we have sufficient information." "We need to deal with all the cases on an individual basis."

"If this benefactor helps to speed up that process then that is good for all concerned, although obviously it is better to deal with the cases outside the court."

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NEWS SUMMARY

Crime rise stays at a steady rate

Crime in the year up to March has increased at the same rate as it has since 1980. According to Home Office statistics given yesterday, the number of crimes committed in the year rose by 6 per cent over the previous year.

Some of the increases are in offences which alarm and annoy the public most. Recorded burglaries in homes increased by 7 per cent. Burglaries of other buildings rose by 4 per cent and robberies were up 7 per cent.

Thefts of motor vehicles increased by 8 per cent and thefts from cars went up by 20 per cent.

Some of the most heartening news is that the recorded number of offences in which firearms were reported as being used was 4 per cent down on 1985.

23 fans detained

Twenty three Liverpool football supporters were detained in custody yesterday pending the outcome of the Belgian government's appeal to the House of Lords over the refusal to extradite them.

The Belgians want the accused to face charges of manslaughter relating to the Heysel Stadium disaster two years ago.

The House of Lords reserved judgement after two days of legal argument.

No date was given for an announcement of its ruling.

Unionist proposal

Unionist leaders will be encouraged to begin talks with the Government about an alternative to the Anglo-Irish agreement when the report of a three-man task force is published tomorrow.

The document suggests the talks should be without pre-condition to find out whether negotiations involving the Government and Ulster constitutional parties can lead to an alternative administration.

The task force was set up four months ago by Mr James Molyneux and the Rev Ian Paisley.

Commons TV call

A fresh attempt to have the House of Commons televised was yesterday launched by MPs of all parties. Mr Michael Foot, former leader of the Labour Party, Mr David Alton, the Liberal chief whip, and Mr John Biffen, former Leader of the House, co-sponsored an early day motion tabled by Mr Anthony Nelson, Tory MP for Chichester, calling for experimental broadcasting and the creation of a special supervisory select committee.

The motion is similar to one defeated by 12 votes in 1985 after a last-minute change of heart by Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Mr Nelson believes that an influx of new, younger MPs will be enough to secure a majority in favour in what would be a free vote.

Heart op wait over

Mark Burgess, whose one-year wait for an open-heart operation was publicized by the Labour Party during the general election campaign, will be operated on at the private London Bridge Hospital this morning.

The surgeon and anaesthetist agreed to waive their joint fees of £3,000. The remaining £5,000 was met by donations.

Mark, aged 10, from Gravesend, Kent, had been waiting for health service treatment at Guy's Hospital, London.

Bomb is defused

A team of Army bomb disposal experts last night defused a German bomb from the Second World War after 30 hours' work.

Major Rob Swanson, who led the disposal team on an east London building site said the greatest danger came when they immunized the fuse. "You have to drill in and then to dissolve explosive crystals which had formed in the bomb. Then you have to start steaming the explosive, which is some 1300lb of TNT."

Last-ditch attempt to save jobs at van plant

An emergency meeting will be held at General Motors van plant at Luton on Friday in a final attempt to save 1,768 jobs threatened because workers have rejected flexible "Japanese-style" work schedules.

GM management issued its sternest warning yet that unless the three unions at the Bedford plant can persuade members to agree to radical changes in working practices within 10 days, the plant will go into immediate liquidation.

The plant was saved from almost certain closure because of heavy losses last April when GM began negotiations with

the Japanese vehicle maker Isuzu on a joint venture to save the plant.

But after continued losses of £500,000 a week it is understood that Isuzu threatened to pull out if new "Japanese-style proposals" were not agreed by July 24. The proposals would abolish more than 200 different job grades, end the closed shop and introduce a strike-free agreement.

Mr Eric Fountain, director of public affairs, said: "The new proposals would mean each worker receiving a £500 increase, but in turn we expect them to work all the time, apart from two tea breaks and one 30-minute lunch break."

Under the plan 500 redundancies would have to be made, although Mr Fountain said he hoped the plant would expand in 18 months time. The strike-free agreement was essential if the plant was to increase its output from 19,000 to 40,000 without being crippled by damaging disputes.

It is proposed that disputes between management and workforce would go to an arbitration board, whose members would have been agreed to by both sides before the disagreement. If the board fails to reach a decision the dispute is heard by one ar-

bitrator, whose decision is final.

But although the agreements have been embraced by the electricians' union, the EETPU, they have been attacked by other trade unions for removing what is seen as the "inalienable right to strike".

However, the white-collar staff at the GM plant, represented by the hard-left led unions, TASS and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, recently voted in favour of the agreement, while EETPU members voted against the proposals, as did the Amalgamated Engineering Union

and the Transport and General Workers Union.

According to one ASTMS worker, when faced with the stark choice of losing his job or his principles, he decided to vote in favour of the strike-free agreement. But the abrupt change of heart in the union should be qualified: only 25 out of a possible 120 workers attended the meeting to discuss the proposals.

Nevertheless, moves are underfoot within the EETPU to soothe its members' concerns and to bring it into line with the white-collar unions which have accepted the proposals. One official said he believed his union's op-

position had more to do with the confusion surrounding the upheaval than any opposition to a no-strike clause.

● Massey-Ferguson announced yesterday that it was to take action in the High Court to stop guerrilla strikes over compulsory redundancies at its Coventry tractor factory.

The 1,800 production workers at the plant walked out at lunchtime yesterday on a half-day strike as part of a campaign of disruptive action.

The company said suits were being served on the national general secretaries of five unions with membership involved in the dispute.

Defence cuts feared to pay for new fighter plane

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Government may have to cut back on an important defence commitment to pay for the multi-billion pound European Fighter Aircraft programme, according to defence industry sources.

The project, which could cost Britain more than £6 billion, has not been included in the latest long-term costings which have just been completed at the Ministry of Defence, even though the Government is due to give the go ahead for full development of the aircraft in the autumn.

Whitehall sources said yesterday that it was still the intention of the Government to back EFA, which is being developed jointly by Britain, West Germany, Italy and Spain.

The sources said that the programme had been left out of the long term costings because it would not have a serious impact on the defence budget until about 1990 and the expenditure review mainly covered a three-year period, although it also took into account commitments over five years and 10 years.

However, British Aerospace, the main British contractor, expects to begin work immediately on building a prototype, once the decision is taken in the autumn by the four countries. An official said yesterday: "This will mean financial commitment by the Ministry of Defence, although expenditure will not be high at this stage."

The four defence ministers should have met in August to approve the full development stage of EFA but that date has now slipped to September or even later because the governments have been unable to reach a decision on the

"project definition" proposals put forward by the contractors.

Defence industry sources believe it will be impossible for the Government to pay for EFA without cutting back on an existing commitment. The RAF wants about 260 of the aircraft, each costing up to £25 million, to replace Phantom interceptors and Jaguar ground attack aircraft.

With the ministry's long term costings completed, officials are meeting "in a relaxed manner" with the Treasury in preparation for the annual battle over government expenditure after the summer.

Ministry sources claimed it was "most unlikely" that the Government would have to review its major defence roles to make way for EFA. The principle commitments are the Army and RAF presence in Germany, the Royal Navy's patrols in the Eastern Atlantic and the Royal Marines' role in Norway.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, is expected to make a decision this year on whether to refurbish or replace the two commando assault ships, HMS Intrepid and HMS Fearless. A feasibility study by Swan Hunter on extending the life of the two ships has been completed.

It is also understood that a decision may be taken to go ahead with the construction of an aviation support ship, costing about £100 million, to provide the Marines with a helicopter-lift capability, lost when the commando carrier, HMS Hermes, was taken out of service and sold to the Indian Navy.



Sir Stanley Matthews, aged 72, the former England footballer, wearing an unaccustomed strip yesterday when he received an honorary degree from Keele University in Staffordshire.

Britain's inner cities

Business follows royal lead

By Alan Hamilton

The Prince of Wales will conduct a group of prominent businessmen on a tour of one of the most deprived inner city areas of London today to promote his view that private capital can do much to alleviate urban blight and poverty.

The Prince will lead the captains of industry around some of the worst areas of the London borough of Tower Hamlets, in the old dockland district of Stepney.

They will visit a number of modest but significant projects where charitable money raised by industry is being put to work in an effort to cure some of the worst effects of deprivation.

Among those accompanying the Prince will be the chairman or chief executives of United Biscuits, British Rail, Prudential Assurance, Barclays Bank and the Burton Group.

All are members of the board of Business In The Community, founded in 1981 in the wake of the Toxteth riots, which has 260 corporate members and the Prince as its current president.

It hopes to raise £50 million a year for charity.

During the tour the Prince will hand over a cheque for £50,000 from Lloyds of London to the recently established Tower Hamlets Centre for Small Businesses.

University College, Cardiff, which has a projected deficit of £7.5 million, was expected last night to accept at last a takeover plan which will release funds to wipe out its debts (Our Education Reporter writes).

The college council was expected to agree to a merger with the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology involving the appointment of UWIST's principal as head of the college and a new

'Loony' councils blamed for decay

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Incompetent or "downright loony" local councils are to blame for the decline and dereliction of many inner-city areas, according to a government spokesman.

Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, told a conference in London yesterday that many cities had become hostile to enterprise.

He made it clear that if local authorities did not co-operate over measures to solve urban problems, the Government would bypass the councils and form direct partnerships with the private sector.

Traditional industries had declined while new businesses establishing themselves across the country had avoided those areas of "high rates, drab public-sector housing, poor schools and, in far too many cases, incompetent or downright loony local governments".

He told his audience, a joint US-UK conference on partnerships in urban regeneration, that all the Government's policies were aimed at making inner city places where enterprise was welcomed.

Mr Trippier said that the Government was happy to work in partnership with local authorities.

"With some local authorities I accept we might have to

wait a very long time to work in this form of partnership, in which case there will have to be a direct partnership between Government and the private sector in order to solve the most intractable problems and get things moving quickly and efficiently."

He was disappointed with the response of the authorities. "Some do want to work with the private sector and some don't. Nine of the 57 have had seven or more schemes approved, nine of the 57 have had none."

Mr Trippier warned people against expecting major changes in the inner cities to come about overnight. "But you can expect to see major changes in the life of this Parliament. We make no apology for the fact that a number of government departments will be involved."

"We intend to sweep away the obstacles to development and give inner-city residents the opportunity to enjoy the prosperity which is being created."

● Mr Michael Heseltine, former Environment Secretary, yesterday urged the Government to develop much of the 100,000 acres of derelict land already in public ownership in order to create jobs.

He also repeated his call for an English Development Agency on the lines of agencies operating in Scotland and Wales.

Postal staff stay on strike

By Roland Radt

Striking post office workers yesterday rejected their union's call to return to work and stepped up their unofficial dispute in central London, closing three more sorting offices.

The Post Office accused the striking workers of unforfeitable behaviour by flagrantly breaking their own union rules. It said: "The agreement between the union and the Post Office has just been thrown out of the window to continue this totally unnecessary dispute."

However, Mr Alan Tiffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, accused the Post Office of escalating the dispute by "their provocative behaviour in forcing post office workers to handle mail normally sorted by those on strike."

Mr Tiffin said the dispute was likely to escalate quickly if the Post Office did not back down.

Workers at the West Central office went on unofficial strike last Thursday to protest at the management's attempt to recruit 30 temporary workers to assist mail sorting. As a result, post boxes in the central area of London were sealed.

The dispute escalated as sorters at the East Central office, which covers the EC1-EC4 postal districts and the Western District Office, covering the Marble Arch-W1 area, walked out in support. They refused to handle mail from customers in the West Central area which had been posted in their area.

The union held an emergency meeting to try to persuade the 900 staff at the West Central sorting office to return to work.

Union officials and the management agreed terms to end the dispute last Friday. But the West Central branch rejected the deal, which allowed the Post Office to keep the 30 casual staff while it continued to train 30 full time staff to take their place.

Job policy backed by Church

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

An optimistic forecast of a long term fall in unemployment in Britain is made in a report from a Church of England committee published today.

But it says the improvement "depends upon what we in Britain as a society and as a wealth-creating economy choose to do". There was no certain outcome.

The report is an implicit acceptance of the Government's economic strategy on unemployment.

"The powerful need to use a proportion of their ability to create capital of a kind in which others can share without incurring blame of guilt", it declares.

The committee, under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, had the services of Sir Michael Quinlan, who is Permanent Secretary in the Department of Employment. Although technically an "observer", he took a full part in the work of the committee.

One member of the committee, Miss Sarah Maitland, declined to sign the report, saying it represented the church (quoting Karl Marx) as "the heart of a heartless world".

● Religious leaders in Britain were united in giving their blessing to a new organization launched yesterday to foster co-operation and friendship between members of the different faiths.

Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Jainist and Bahai groups came together to form the Interfaith Network for the United Kingdom, said to be the only organization of its kind in the world. Changing Britain (Church House Publishing, Great Street, London SW1, £3.50).

Celebrating 150 years of vital statistics

By Michael Dynes

For the past 150 years the General Register Office has been collecting and collating the vital statistics on the size, structure and health of the nation.

In the course of its lifetime the GRO, which became the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys in 1970, has monitored the raw facts of social and economic change—from a society still undergoing the birth pangs of the industrial revolution to the present

post-industrial mature economy — and counted 112 million births, 75 million deaths and 40 million marriages.

To celebrate its 150th anniversary today, the Office has published a special edition of its quarterly journal, *Population Trends*.

The population of England and Wales has grown over the period from 15 million to more than 50 million.

The annual birth rate,

which rose from 500,000 per annum in the 1830s to a peak of nearly one million in the early 1900s, has fallen to 600,000.

Over the same period, life expectancy has doubled to an average of 78 years for women and 72 years for men. Infant mortality has declined from one in every six births to one in every thousand, while the proportion of births outside marriage has increased from seven to about 20 per cent.

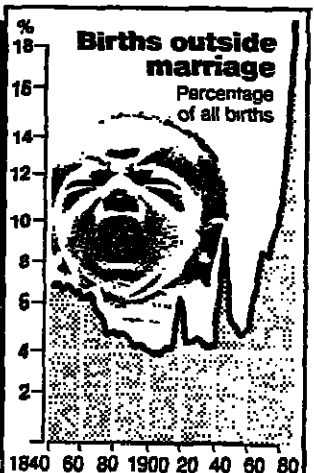
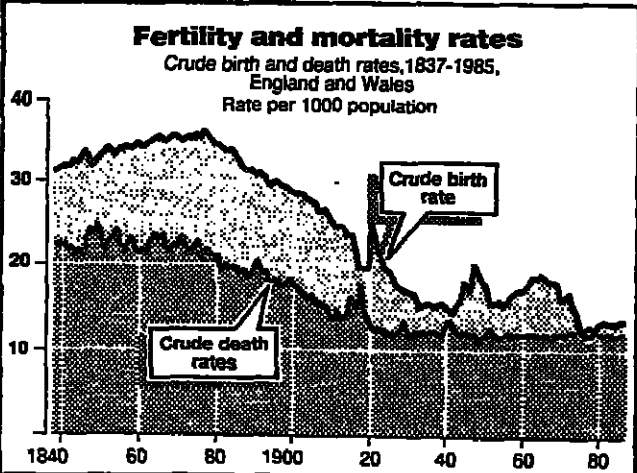
In 1836, when civil marriages became available for the first time, the GRO recorded 111,000 ceremonies. This figure reached a highpoint in the 1970s with 425,000 marriages per annum, falling to 350,000 in 1986.

And a trend has been identified that shows marriages increase in times of national prosperity.

The GRO has also monitored population distribution. Between 1841 and 1911, when England and Wales were experiencing the final transition from a rural to an urban society, the most rapidly growing counties were Mid, West and South Glamorgan, followed by Tyne and Wear, Greater London and Greater Manchester.

But since then the fastest growing counties have been Hertfordshire, Essex, West Sussex, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Bedfordshire and Surrey suggesting that the North-South divide has been around for many years.

Population Trends 1837-1987: 150 years of the General Register Office (Stationery Office, £5.40).



Receiver sent for trial on fraud charges

An official receiver in bankruptcy, accused of fiddling his expenses, was yesterday committed for Crown Court trial by Leeds Magistrates' Court.

Mr Robert Douglas, aged 53, of Ash Tree Green, Carlton, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, the official receiver in Leeds, faces three charges of obtaining expenses by deception from the Department of Trade and Industry.

The alleged offences, said to have been committed in 1985 and 1986, involved £260.

Mr Douglas was granted bail.

Shy benefactor with an eye for public interest

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Godfrey Bradman, the "fairy godparent" who is stepping in to help claimants in the Open case, is a self-made finance and property magnate whose natural reticence has not kept him out of the limelight.

In 1974, he was at the centre of an unsuccessful offer to miners of £80,000 a day to call off their strike.

In 1977, a complex tax avoidance scheme marketed by his London Mercantile Corporation may have wiped

out the better part of the 1976 tax bill of George Wimpey & Co, possibly amounting to as much as £18.2 million.

By the time commercial tax avoidance came to an end under Mr Denis Healey, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 1978, Mr Bradman was described as one of the most brilliant in the business.

Two years ago, Rosehaugh, the company run by Mr Bradman, exercised its option to buy £2.36 million convertible unsecured loan stock in Woolworth Holdings. The option was acquired for a nominal sum in September, 1982, in the institutional buy-out of

Woolworth, which Mr Bradman helped to engineer.

Mr Bradman, who is said to be in his early fifties, is married with three children, was educated at a local school at Long Melford, Suffolk, and started work as a 25s-a-week clerk in a company of Sudbury accountants.

Mr Bradman is so retiring that he did not appear at the press conference called to announce his intervention in the Open case. That job fell to Mr Des Wilson, president of the Liberal Party and Mr Bradman's co-director of Citizen Action, a small company

set up to co-ordinate a number of campaigning activities.

Mr Bradman co-founded with Mr Wilson and funded the Clear campaign which won a decision in principle to phase lead out of petrol, persuaded paint manufacturers to eliminate lead from paint and can manufacturers to eliminate lead solder from food containers.

He has contributed financially to the revival of Friends of the Earth, under Mr Wilson's chairmanship, and notably to its campaign in opposition to the expansion of nuclear energy.

Another shared concern with Mr Wilson is the homeless. Mr Wilson was the first director of Shelter, and Mr Bradman has contributed substantially to the funding of the International Year for the Shelter of the Homeless. In a separate venture, he is also personally funding research into an Aids vaccine, for Aids.

He is involved in an initiative to encourage self-build housing for the lower income groups. Another interest is combating pollution and he has funded research and the publication of a book on hazardous building materials.

Under the new plan Dr Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, principal of UWIST, will become principal of UCC from October.

Senior UCC figures were, however, very reluctant to call the new plan a takeover. The college's registrar, Dr Alfred Moritz, said: "We want a strong united university institution in Cardiff, and that's all I am prepared to be quoted on."

Mr Bradman, the Open "fairy godparent".

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Council withdraws new guidelines on child abuse victims

By Peter Davenport

Opposition from the police has forced senior officials of Cleveland County Council to withdraw a clause in new draft guidelines for handling cases of sexual abuse involving children.

The clause governed the role of the police surgeon in the examination of victims in Cleveland, which has seen a massive rise in the number of such cases.

It is likely to figure heavily in discussion today when a committee of police, social services, child care agencies and the health authority meets in Cleveland to try to resolve the dispute.

Mr Christopher Payne, the chief constable, and Mr Stuart Bell, MP for Middlesbrough, have alleged that the police surgeon, Dr Alastair Irvine, was refused access to some of the children taken into care, on the orders of Dr Marietta Higgs, the consultant responsible for diagnosing abuse in many of the cases.

Several parents and their lawyers have argued that if such an examination had been allowed, the findings would have contradicted those of Dr Higgs and her colleague, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt.

Mr Bruce Stevenson, the chief executive of Cleveland County Council, said yesterday: "We have a real problem here of considerable dimensions. I think it would be a waste of time to pretend that there was not a disagreement between the police and the social services on the role of the police surgeon and particularly when and in what circumstances a police surgeon should be permitted to carry out a second or subsequent examination."

Mr Payne alleged that the problem had been caused by a "second edition" of guidelines

drawn up by Dr Higgs and Mrs Sue Richardson, the council's consultant on child abuse, and in the Commons on Monday Mr Bell accused the two women of having "colluded and conspired" to keep police out of such cases.

Mr Payne refused to elaborate yesterday, but Mr Stevenson said he had been in contact with the police during the morning and given them an assurance that there were no circumstances in which guidelines with which the police were unhappy would be put into practice.

County council officials yesterday refused requests for interviews with Mrs Richardson, saying they had told her to make no public comment.

She was the social services department's representative to the joint consultative committee on child abuse but it was wrong to say that the drawing up of new guidelines was only the work of Mrs Richardson and Dr Higgs.

Mr Michael Bishop, the director of social services in Cleveland, said yesterday that Mrs Richardson had his full confidence.

Mr Stevenson, meanwhile, outlined the proposed guidelines for handling cases of child abuse and the role of the police surgeon.

He said that the only guidelines that existed were in the Child Abuse Review Committee Child Abuse Procedures Manual issued by the county council in 1984, which said:

"When dealing with instances of child assault no matter how minor, the injured person will be medically examined by a GP or by attending the accident and emergency department at a local hospital. If this cannot be

arranged the police surgeon would do the examination."

Mr Stevenson said it was clear that there were differences in practice on how those guidelines were to be interpreted, but it was also clear that the guidelines had operated successfully until only a few months ago.

Dr Higgs began her role as consultant paediatrician at the Middlesbrough General Hospital in February and the number of children referred to social services and subsequently put under place of safety orders began to rise dramatically in May.

Mr Stevenson then turned to another document marked "Draft", produced by the joint consultative committee, and which was scheduled for consideration at its meeting today.

The critical paragraph to which the police strongly objected said: "Hospital is the most appropriate setting for the medical examination, initial treatment and care of a child who may have been subjected to sexual abuse. The child should be referred directly to a consultant paediatrician. Where a consultant paediatrician is able to give a statement to the police it will not be necessary for the police surgeon to re-examine the child."

Mr Stevenson admitted that it was that proposal that was at the heart of the present disagreement.

Senior officials of the social services department were yesterday also trying to clarify the numbers of children involved in the controversy. Last week they had said that a total of 202 children were in care, but Mr Bishop, the director, said that only 113 had been taken into care.

The largest survey, with 11 child abuse registers around the country.

The development of family courts, the video-tape recording of a child's evidence of sexual abuse and a review of the admissibility in court of children's evidence are also supported by the NSPCC.

The NSPCC estimates that in England and Wales about 6,330 children aged under 17 are sexually abused and 9,590 under 15 are physically assaulted. On the 11 registers of children abused or seriously at risk of abuse 2,137 were listed, an increase of 24 per cent since 1985.

The test can also help detect early signs of other disorders and diseases of the bowel.

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However, he said that the test included chemicals to counteract the effect of certain foodstuffs on the result, and claimed that in 1,000 tests there would be about 30 positives, of which eight would be early signs of cancer, and only about three or four would be false.

The test, which need only be used once a year, is aimed chiefly at those aged over 40 and anyone with a family history of bowel cancer.

The company is marketing the test, which costs £19.55, through the post.



Lord Bramall, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, with models Fatima Sghire (left) and Arabella Greenhill, after he presented the Queen's Award for Export Achievement to Pink Soda, which has enjoyed global success with a range of military-style clothes and accessories, at the opening of a new west London showroom yesterday (Photograph: John Rogers).

Cheaper cars may be on the way

An EEC plan to make Europe a single open market by 1992, forcing Britain to scrap the special car tax and its limits on Japanese car imports, received unexpected support yesterday from Italy's largest car seller.

It had been widely expected the proposal for a single market would mean a change of becoming a reality as Japanese imports are tightly limited to 3,000 cars a year in Italy and 3 per cent of market share in France.

The open market would almost certainly mean lower car prices as Britain's unique car tax, which adds more than

8 per cent plus VAT, would have to be abolished.

Repeated bids by the car industry to have the tax removed as a stimulus to sales have been rejected.

In Britain, the gentleman's agreement with the Japanese manufacturers, introduced in 1976 to protect a beleaguered BL during its recovery, limits Japanese imports to 11 per cent of the UK car market.

Señor Giovanni Agnelli, Fiat group chairman, said in Turin yesterday that he hoped European car makers would be competitive enough "not to require artificial barriers in the 1990s".

Attack in revenge led to boy's death

A husband's determination on revenge led to an "appalling tragedy" after his wife claimed she had been raped.

Mr Alan West let the rape claim prey on his mind for five months before he set fire to a house where he believed the alleged rapist lived.

But he mistakenly started a blaze at the house next door and a boy aged six was killed, Miss Ann Curnow, QC, for the prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr West, aged 28, of Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham, south-east London, denies murdering Paul Butler, of Holbeach Road, Canford,

south-east London. He admits manslaughter and arson.

His true target, Mr Graham Matthews, had spent the night with Mrs West. The following day she told her husband she had been raped.

Police arrested Mr Matthews but released him when Mrs West decided she could not go through with the ordeal of sustaining the complaint.

On November 7 Mr West went to Holbeach Road. By mistake he poured petrol through the next door letterbox and started a fire when Paul Butler and his mother were asleep.

The trial continues today.

Shortage of staff delaying treatment

By David Cross

Many hospital casualty departments are so understaffed and facilities so old and cramped that they are unable to cope with the steady rise in the number of accident victims, according to senior medical specialists.

"The situation in my area is getting so bad that we are rapidly reaching the stage where patients with acute problems are having to wait for attention because there are not enough doctors and nurses on duty to deal with them", Mr Andrew Mason, a consultant in accident and emergency medicine at the Medway Hospital in north Kent, said yesterday.

"Last year we had a case where an elderly patient with abdominal pains was put in a holding area for an hour or two and then it was discovered that he had had a heart attack."

"He was transferred to intensive care where he later died. This patient might have survived if his condition had been diagnosed earlier."

Mr Mason, who is also editor of the *British Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine*, said that the number of patients requiring emergency treatment at the Medway had nearly doubled from 32,000 in 1980 to 62,000 last year.

Dr Vera Delfos, consultant in charge of accidents and emergencies at Whipps Cross Hospital in east London, said that in her department the number of patients was increasing by 2 to 3 per cent a year at a time when they were confronted with the twin problem of a shortage of nurses and relief doctors.

Dr John Gosnold, consultant in charge of the accident and emergency unit at the Hull Royal Infirmary, said that many hospitals in the North-east were sometimes close to turning away new patients.

Last February his department should have had nine junior doctors on its complement but it had only three.

Dr Gosnold conceded that emergency departments had always come of worst for funds but, as new funds were channelled into the health service, he said he expected things to improve.

NSPCC fears crusade backlash

By Mark Ellis

A backlash to the Cleveland child abuse controversy with sexually abused children being sent home and experts too scared to diagnose abuse is feared by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Dr Alan Gilmore, its director, announcing yesterday the society's latest annual figures showing alarming increases in reported cases of child abuse, said: "We don't want to embark on a crusade that backfires".

He said that in one sense the statistics were worrying, but in another they showed children were no longer suffering in silence and seeking help.

Huntsman 'whipped' protester

A hunt saboteur was battered to the ground with a dog whip in a confrontation with a huntsman on horseback, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Kevin Saunders, of Rose Close, Saffron Walden, Essex, was attacked by Martyn Blackmore, the whipper-in of the Essex Hunt, after luring the hounds away from a thicket, it was alleged.

Afterwards Mr Saunders, the chairman of the Saffron Walden Anti-Blood Sports Society, needed 18 stitches to cuts on his ear and head.

At Chelmsford Crown Court, Mr Blackmore, aged 31, a hunt employee, denied wounding Mr Saunders.

Mr Blackmore, of Barnston, near Great Dunmow, Essex, told police that he thought the shank of the whip might have caught Mr Saunders on the shoulder.

The trial continues today.

Cancer test goes on sale for £19

By Robert Matthews

A Cambridge-based health care company has launched the first do-it-yourself test for cancer.

Called CS-T, the test detects symptoms of bowel cancer, which kills 20,000 in Britain every year. If left until its final stages, bowel cancer is fatal to 70 per cent of sufferers, but it is widely believed that early diagnosis of the cancer could radically improve this figure.

The test, developed in the United States, works by detecting minute traces of hidden blood in faeces.

It is simple to use. A chemical-filled pad floated on the water in the lavatory turns orange-red 30 seconds after detecting the blood.

A visit to the doctor is then recommended by the makers of the test.

According to Mr Peter Murray, managing director of Cambridge Selfcare Diagnos-

tics, the test can also help detect early signs of other disorders and diseases of the bowel.

He admitted that there was a risk of relatively trivial conditions such as haemorrhoids triggering a false positive result in the cancer test.

However, he said that the test included chemicals to counteract the effect of certain foodstuffs on the result, and claimed that in 1,000 tests there would be about 30 positives, of which eight would be early signs of cancer, and only about three or four would be false.

The test, which need only be used once a year, is aimed chiefly at those aged over 40 and anyone with a family history of bowel cancer.

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Doctors were asked yesterday not to take part in child surrogacy arrangements until ethical safeguards have been agreed.

But members of the British Medical Association, after a heated debate at their annual meeting in Bristol, defied their leadership by narrowly voting against imposing a total ban on surrogacy.

They agreed instead to call for a temporary halt to the involvement of doctors in arrangements where a woman agrees to bear a child for an infertile couple.

The initial proposal, which would have overthrown existing BMA policy, failed by only six votes to gain the two-thirds majority required. But in spite of the closeness of the vote, members rejected a proposal by the conference chairman for a recount.

Dr David Watts, a GP from Ayrshire, proposing a motion

British Medical Association

GPs hold back on surrogacy

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

to reject the principle of surrogate births, said that children could not be used to circumvent the natural affliction of infertility, and that in no circumstances should they be bought and sold as chattels.

He rejected an assumption that surrogacy was a natural progression in the treatment of infertility. Surrogacy involved the transfer of ownership of the child, where the right of that child could not be protected.

"Infertile couples have their problems but the child's interests must be paramount", he said.

Dr Watts said that existing BMA policy agreed with surrogacy in selected cases. But present controls were ineffective and inadequate, and cases could not be selected. Dr John Marks, chairman of the BMA council, said that association policy did not take account of a recent report

by its board of science which indicated that it would be impossible to guarantee the interests of the child, which outweighed the interest of an infertile couple.

However Dr Lotte Neuman, a GP from Camden and Islington, north London, while agreeing that any commercial arrangement should continue to be illegal, suggested that a total ban would only encourage wealthy families to seek such arrangements abroad.

"Surrogacy would then be restricted to the rich who will travel the world and spend £12,000 to achieve their request and the poor and infertile will suffer. Let us not take away from them their last opportunity."

Other doctors emphasized that a personal issue was at stake and that individuals should be able to decide for themselves.

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Wakeham stands by Government promise on VAT

The Government stood by what Mrs Thatcher had said during the general election campaign, that value-added tax would not be levied on gas, electricity, young children's clothes and shoes, Mr John Wakeham, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said during Commons questions.

He was answering in place of the Prime Minister, who was in Brussels for the meeting of the European Council. Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, had challenged him to repeat the Prime Minister's assurances that the Government was opposed to the imposition of VAT on food, children's clothing, shoes, new buildings, books, newspapers and periodicals.

He then demanded to know how the Government accounted for the fact that their Common Market nominee, Lord Cockfield, would be proposing on Wednesday the abolition of zero rating on those items and rates of 4 per cent to 9 per cent on all those things that Mr Wakeham had just confirmed would not carry it.

Mr Wakeham countered that Mr Hattersley knew better than to accuse a Common Market Commissioner, such as Lord Cockfield, of being a Government nominee (Labour laughter and protest).

Lord Cockfield would do what he thought was right - (renewed Labour laughter) - "but my Right Honourable friend is Prime Minister of this country and I can assure you that the undertaking she gave at the general election will be maintained."

Mr Hattersley asserted that Mr Wakeham could absolve himself from an allegation of equivocation and the Prime Minister from one of deception by saying that the Government would veto the Cockfield proposals.

Would they, or would they not?

Mr Wakeham told MPs that Mrs Thatcher would be making a statement after she returned from Brussels later in the week. It would be extremely foolish of him to say anything more on the matter (laughter).

Later, on a point of order, Mr Hattersley said that the EEC commissioners were meeting tomorrow to discuss VAT. It was wholly intolerable that such a debate would then take place tomorrow, by which time the EEC commissioners would already have considered the matter.

The Speaker might find it difficult to resist an application for an emergency debate on this issue, but such a debate would then take place tomorrow, by which time the EEC commissioners would already have considered the matter.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he would be raising the matter during the continuing debate on the Queen's Speech.

● The proposal to substitute a community charge for local authority rates was strongly defended at question time by Mr Wakeham.

He slipped from the Government's preference for the term "community charge" when he used the expression "poll tax". He said that it would not be unfair and spoke of generous rebates, of up to 80 per cent, for all on low incomes.

Mr Michael Martin (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab.) The Financial Director of Glasgow has stated that at today's rates, in Glasgow the poll tax will cost every member of a household over 18 years £292, and it means that some families who are the poorest of the poor will have to pay more than £1,000.

Could he, as a former Tory, tell the House that every Tory MP will go into the division lobbies in favour of the English poll tax when the English legislation comes.

Mr Wakeham: I must say that that is a revelation of what the poll tax will be in some socialist-controlled local authority areas. That says more about the level of spending of local authorities than anything else.

The community charge will not be unfair and 69 per cent of single pensioners and 83 per cent of one-parent families will be better off.

For all those on low incomes there will be generous rebates of up to 80 per cent and income support levels will be increased so that the matter could and would be raised during the continuing debate on the Queen's Speech.



Mr John Wakeham: Value-added tax will not be levied on young children's clothing.

Panel on child abuse refused

The Government came under pressure from MPs during Commons questions to increase funding for agencies dealing with child abuse. The Opposition called for the convening of a national panel to get consensus on dealing with the problem.

Mr Astbury Newton, Minister for Health, said that the provision for Personal Social Services in 1987-88 was a 12.8 per cent increase on the previous year.

Central funds had been made available for specific projects to improve the training of social workers and others concerned with child abuse, he said.

Miss Joan Lester (Gates, Lab.) said that without wanting to comment on yesterday's heated discussion in the House on the alleged cases of child abuse in Cleveland, physical abuse and sexual abuse of children, now being reported in far greater numbers, was the biggest theft of childhood that any child could experience.

Local authorities were hard pushed to meet the demands for training and how to deal with the children who have been damaged.

"We further betray them if, having encouraged people to come forward to give evidence about these matters, we fail to meet the needs of these children."

Mr Newton said he would not entirely agree with the implication of her remarks.

"It is not only the problem of resources, but also the skills and expertise. That is why we have been putting so much additional effort including full co-operation with the Great Ormond Street Hospital, the National Children's Bureau and the NSPCC into improving training in this area."

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said that doctors, social workers, magistrates and local authorities appeared to be approaching the matter in divergent ways.

Mr Newton replied that arrangements for inter-agency co-operation were working well in most parts of the country. "Our problem is to make sure that they work well everywhere."

Miss Marjorie Mowlem (Redcar, Lab.) asked if Mr Newton would condemn the statement made yesterday by the MP for Stockton South (Mr Timothy Devlin, C) when he equated the Cleveland Social Services to the SS. Would he condemn such an outrageous statement?

Mr Newton: He referred to a particular case which he said had been brought to his attention. I am not in a position to comment (Labour cries of "Condemn it").

Mr Gerald Bowden (Dulwich, C) said that they should not over-react. He asked for assurance that any future legislation would continue to keep right the balance between parent and child. "The child's rights must come first."

Mr Newton replied that the most difficult problem was getting the balance right.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social services, said that in view of the stream of horrific cases of child abuse, the current state of hysteria did not make for good policy-making.

Would he therefore convene a national panel of all relevant professional interests in order to try to achieve national consensus on the identification, handling and treatment of a very serious problem that had been underestimated for years.

Mr Newton said the Government had arrangements in hand already to prepare guidance for social workers and health visitors, and in the sense that had been suggested, for doctors. It would be better to get on with that work rather than convene a national conference.



Geoffrey Smith

Unless the Alliance is both very careful and very lucky it will find that it has been arguing so passionately on the terms of its own make note. The tragedy is that the politicians on both sides have managed to get themselves into a position where there is now no attractive option left.

The argument was conducted relatively assembly by the SDP national committee on Monday. The talker on a merger will now be conducted fairly, without any loaded question. The committee made its recommendation, as it is fully entitled to do. But both sides will be given an equal opportunity to put their case in writing to the party's membership.

All this must be wise. But the dispirited members have been left with an appalling choice. If they opt for merger they will evidently lose. Dr Owen himself and possibly the Owenites as well.

Severe blow to the Alliance

That would be a severe blow to the Alliance, more serious than many of his critics may now appreciate. He has provided a backbone to Alliance thinking and a stature to Alliance leadership that would all be sadly missed.

But what alternative does he offer his beleaguered party? To negotiate a closer constitutional framework with the Liberals, short of merger.

If one goes by the recent statements of leading Liberals that is simply not on offer. It must be merger or separation. I doubt that. If the Social Democrats do reject a merger in their ballot, the Liberals would be very foolish just to go their own way.

They would be wise to make the best of it and to solidify on with the partnership, even if that meant leaving it to local parties to decide how far they wished to co-operate.

But it would not be much of a best. The combination of two separate parties worked badly enough during the election. It was not simply confining to the public. It inhibited the leaders and required them to fight the campaign on a manifesto that was essentially a treaty between them.

To try to continue that arrangement would be even more difficult after the sheen of the past few weeks. The personal confidence that is particularly necessary to make such a delicate system work has now been shattered. The illusion that the two parties were bound together together by good will and shared opinions would be impossible to sustain.

One only has to think of what will happen if they continue the practice of separate conferences. The Labour-borne fiasco last September occurred because the Liberals held their discussion and defence separately from the Social Democrats.

If the two parties go on having their own conferences there will be no better position to attract a further breakthrough from Labour. But even if that were to take place, what reason is there to believe that Labour dissidents would prefer to deal with the SDP alone than with a united party of Liberals and Social Democrats?

Owen's plaintive complaint

Dr Owen has been protesting plaintively that everyone has been talking about mechanisms rather than policies. But that complaint seems to me too glib. It implies either that those who agree with him on policy ought to accept his judgment on tactics - or that mechanisms are of relatively little importance.

That would be to mistake the nature of political action. The art of politics is to find means of putting the best available policies into practice.

If a merged party is formed without the Owenites it will stand less chance of finding the right policies. But if Dr Owen and his band of supporters have to depend on the SDP alone they will not stand much chance of putting any policy into practice.

Onslaught by MP on pensions level

It was a shameful indictment of the Government's pension policy that the single pension in the United Kingdom was only 18 per cent of average earnings, and falling, whereas the level was 50 per cent in France and Germany, Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social services, said during questions in the Commons.

Within 20 years under the present policy it would be less than 10 per cent.

It was symbolic of this Government that the only people denied a rise in living standards were pensioners and the unemployed.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister for Social Security, accused Mr Meacher of still being hooked on the bustings. British expenditure on pensioners a head was second in Europe only to Denmark.

Mr Anthony Steen (South Hants, C) urged the Government to do something for people who had got no income other than their state pension. Mr Scott replied that the vast majority of people on the basic pension were also entitled to supplementary benefits, full housing benefit, heating allowances, insulation grants and free health services.

Equipment 'dangerous'

A comment by Mr Frank Cook (Stockton North, Lab.) about cancer being caused by over-use of radiography and by old equipment was described as "extraordinary" by Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, during Commons questions.

Mr Cook said that medical opinion had it that 1,400 serious cancers a year were caused in the UK by the use of "over-prescription of radiography and the use of outdated and antiquated radiographic equipment."

Mrs Currie: "I am sure there are many medical opinions available which would challenge vigorously that extraordinary statement. Radiography is one of the most long-established and best treatments for cancer that we have."

News soon on embryos work

The Government was now carefully considering its response to the consultation document on the range of difficult and developing issues dealt with in the Warnock report's recommendations about experimentation on human embryos, Mr John Wakeham, Lord Privy Seal, said at question time.

He was answering for Mrs Thatcher, who was in Brussels for the European Council meeting. He added that the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr John Moore) would shortly be announcing the next steps.

Cancer plan ready soon

A computerized call and recall system for cervical cancer screening should be working in all health authorities by next spring, Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said during Commons question time.

But there was no need to wait until then before coming in for testing because the screening services were already available.

Public safety is paramount in Safeway poisoning case, minister tells MPs

The police were doing everything possible to bring to justice the depraved, reckless and irresponsible people responsible for contaminating food in public shops in Edinburgh, Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said in the Commons.

He emphasized that public safety was the paramount issue and rejected suggestions that the public interest had been subordinated to the commercial interests of big business.

Contamination had been found in young, groundnut juice, Safeway Cola and coleslaw. A number of substances had been detected in these products, including broken glass and small quantities of arsenic, and analysis of other suspect items was continuing.

The three Safeway stores affected were Cameron Toll, Davidson's Mains and East Craig. Two members of the public had required medical treatment.

Letham and Borders police had instituted an investigation of the circumstances and their inquiries were continuing as a matter of urgency. Responsibility for the public health interest lay with the director of environmental health at Edinburgh District Council and he was in close contact with the police.

The company was taking increased security measures at all six of its Edinburgh stores, including the introduction of uniformed security guards, stepping up closed-circuit television surveillance and more frequent checking of the shelves for any signs of tampering.

The minister was responding to a private notice question from Mr Ronald Brown (Edinburgh, Leith, Lab.), who said that, because of the lack of information given by the statutory authorities and the police, there was great public alarm which had led to a boycott rather than to co-operation.

Insufficient detail had been given about the stores and the type of poisons involved and the public did not know exactly what was going on.

Mr Forsyth said that the local police and environmental health officers had decided how much information to give and he welcomed their joint press conference held on Monday to give the facts of the case.

Mr Alistair Darling (Edinburgh Central, Lab.) said that the latest batch of contaminated food had been discovered several days before the press conference was held.

Despite the understandable commercial concerns of Safeway, ministers should encourage the police and local authorities to make prompt announcements so that those members of the public who may have bought contaminated food could return it to the store and thus help the police in their inquiries.

Mr Forsyth said that the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Malcolm Rifkind) had no direct locus in this case, although he was naturally concerned, it was really a matter for the director of environmental health at Edinburgh District Council.

Everything possible was being done and it was in nobody's interest to try to exaggerate the problem or to raise the political temperature.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab.) said that the minister was endorsing the interests of big business. Safeway had a responsibility, but on Sunday the company's public relations officer had refused point blank to name the stores involved and that was a scandal.

Mr Forsyth said the Scottish Office had every confidence in the judgement of the local director of environmental health and there had been no suggestion that anything other than the overwhelming interest of public health was being considered by the parties concerned.

Mr Nigel Griffiths (Edinburgh South, Lab.) said that the minister's confidence in the company's management was misplaced.

Mr Forsyth said that the full facts, as they were known, were given at the time but this was a developing situation.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that there had been widespread public alarm.

When the results of tests were known, would ministers consult with local government about getting the right balance between, on the one hand, not causing unnecessary public alarm and recognizing the understandable commercial interests of Safeway, and, on the other hand, the safety that came with knowledge?

Mr Forsyth said that the question of public safety would always be paramount.

Hurd emphasis on crime prevention

Biffen condemns the Treasury's cash warning

The weekend warning from Mr John Major, the new Chief Secretary to the Treasury, that public spending must be strictly restrained was condemned by Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons until the recent Government reshuffle, who described it as "a very unwelcome" settling about, impeding the proposals in the Queen's Speech.

Mr Biffen (North Shropshire, C), who was speaking in the continuing debate on the Queen's Speech, referred particularly to the education proposals, which he commended, and said: "You cannot have education reform on the scale and of the intensity contemplated unless you are prepared to back it with adequate resources (cheers). Less than that will undermine the policy itself."

The debate, which today was devoted mainly to deprivation and inequality of opportunity, had been resumed earlier by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, who emphasized the importance of crime prevention. He told MPs that he intended to start consultations with interested groups on the setting up of a new national body for crime prevention. He wanted this new body to coordinate, stimulate and support local crime prevention activity.

He said that the Criminal Justice Bill, dropped because of its analysis was not credible and its recommendations, when they were different from those of the Government, seemed dangerous.

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Certainly in some areas, particularly in the more disadvantaged areas, social conditions had a role in the fostering or prevention of crime. But to make a crude link between unemployment and crime was an affront to the unemployed and incredible to everybody else.

No one supposed that there was a simple and single answer to the crime figures. But he was clear that there was nothing inevitable about rising crime.

The Government's first task was to strengthen further the law and order services. The police had received a bigger increase in resources than any other major public service. His colleagues in government had hitherto agreed that priority should be given to increasing police resources and he was confident that that would continue.

In West Bromwich there was an interesting experiment going on to expand still further the scope of non-police staff work for the police, involving the desk and paper work previously done by police officers. He was watching to see how the experiment worked out.

Police, penalties and prisons were the main sectors of society's frontline against crime. The Queen's Speech fore-shadowed the reintroduction of the Criminal Justice Bill and there were two important topics where the Government was considering changes to it.

The Government was deeply concerned about the widespread use of offensive weapons and was committed to taking action on the sale and possession of items which had no legitimate use but which could injure and maim.

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Prosecutor seeks life for Barbie

LYONS — Life imprisonment was demanded for Klaus Barbie yesterday as his eight-week trial for "crimes against humanity" moved towards its close (Michael McCarthy writes). There were no mitigating circumstances in the wartime career of the Gestapo chief of Lyons, the public prosecutor, M. Pierre Truche, told the jury of five men and four women at the Rhône Assize Court.

The actions of the Nazi policeman had been "particularly inhuman", said M. Truche, pointing out that Barbie had been responsible at the very least for the deportation of 842 people from the city to the concentration camps, of whom 373 were known to have died, including 52 children. "What size court had ever had to deal with such a total?" he said.

Plot to free Hamadei

BOON (AP) — A Lebanese terrorist squad led by a reputed car-bomb expert may be heading for West Germany to carry out attacks aimed at intimidating authorities into freeing a TWA hijacking suspect. The federal Interior Ministry and police in Frankfurt, where Muhammad Hamadei is being held, said security forces were on high alert against possible attacks.

Federal security sources confirmed a report in the Hamburg-based weekly magazine *Stern* that a six-man commando of Shia Muslim extremists had left Lebanon "via Damascus in the direction of Cyprus". They said the group may be bound for Frankfurt to start a terror campaign intended to spring Hamadei from jail.

'No' to hanging

OTTAWA — The Canadian House of Commons has voted by a surprisingly big majority against reinstating the death penalty in Canada (John Best writes).

Yesterday, MPs voted by 148-127 to reject a Government motion calling for the restoration of capital punishment, abolished in 1976.

The vote was much more decisive than most observers had expected. Opinion polls had shown strong public support for a return of the death penalty. Before the death penalty was abolished 14 years ago, execution was by hanging.

Pipeline sabotaged

LISBON (Reuters) — The rebel Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) movement said yesterday that it had sabotaged a strategic oil pipeline and a rail link between the Indian Ocean port of Beira and Zimbabwe.

In a statement issued in Lisbon, the group also claimed that it killed 122 troops in battles last week. The MNR, also known as Renamo, said it blew up the so-called Beira corridor pipeline last Thursday, the day MNR guerrillas killed 15 government troops and destroyed buildings on the outskirts of Beira in mortar attacks.

Meese accused

WASHINGTON — Mr. Edwin Meese, the US Attorney General, broke the law over his investment in a limited "blind" partnership because he failed to get prior approval from the government Ethics Office, the director of the office said yesterday (Michael Binyon writes).

Mr. Meese is the subject of a criminal investigation by a special prosecutor who is trying to find out if Mr. Meese's \$60,000 (£38,000) investment went into the troubled Wedtech company. His conduct has been called "inexcusable" and evidence of poor judgement.

Sunken treasure ship

WASHINGTON — Long-lost treasures of 450 millionaires are to be recovered from the ocean floor off Nantucket Island, and it could prove one of the most fabulous fortunes ever retrieved from the sea (Christopher Thomas writes).

The RMS Republic — "the grand hotel of the seas" — hit an immigrant ship off Massachusetts on January 23 1909. Eighty-three lifeboats carried 2,000 people to safety, and only six people died. But an amazing cargo was lost, including millions of dollars in American Eagle gold coins bought by the Bank of France to lend to Nicholas II of Russia for his military build-up.

Soldiers ambushed

COLOMBO — Twelve Sri Lankan soldiers were killed yesterday when Tamil guerrillas ambushed a road-building party near Kokilai in the Trincomalee district in eastern Sri Lanka (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Army engineers were building the road through a jungle to link two remote villages. Security sources blamed the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for the attack.

The ambush came a few days after the security forces said they had overrun the main guerrilla camp in Muttur in the Eastern Province.

Rebels kill policeman

MANILA (AP) — Suspected Communist rebels shot and killed a police major on the outskirts of Manila yesterday, and at least four other troops died when their vehicle was destroyed by a mine in northern Luzon.

The army said 10 armed men stopped a car carrying Major Teodorico Joson, finance officer of the Philippine Constabulary, and a woman on a highway in Bulacan province, 15 miles north of the capital.

They forced Major Joson from the car and shot him, but left the woman unharmed.

Danes inherit EEC's outrageous fortune

From Richard Owen
Brussels

"We have done our best," one weary Belgian official was heard to murmur as this week's EEC summit ended in Brussels yesterday. "Now it is up to the Danes."

Belgium's misfortune was that it inherited the six-month presidency in January from Britain at a time when the financial and farm spending crisis which had been brewing for years was coming to a head. Denmark's misfortune as it takes over the chair today is that the crisis has arrived.

When EEC foreign ministers met on the eve of this week's summit Mr. Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, vowed to solve the budget and farm crisis in a "crash programme". The programme begins immediately, with farm ministers meeting today and budget ministers tomorrow.

But the summit only laid down

"guidelines". It falls to Mr. Poul Schluter, the Danish Prime Minister, and more particularly to Mr. Ellemann-Jensen to suffer, like Hamlet, "the slings and arrows of

Brussels — Mrs. Thatcher yesterday mended her fences with the recently elected Irish Prime Minister, Mr. Charles Haughey, renewing her acquaintance with him at the EEC Brussels summit after nearly six years, and discussing border security (Our Own Correspondent writes).

British and Irish officials said there was no immediate prospect of an Anglo-Irish summit in London or Dublin, but the two leaders would meet again "in the context of the European Council (the proper title of EEC summits)".

outrageous fortune", while a final analysis of what is rotten in the EEC is deferred until the Copenhagen summit at the end of the Danish presidency in December.

Managing the shambles over the budget and the resulting North-South split will give Mr. Ellemann-Jensen a chance to show his political skills — he is already noted in the EEC for his outgoing personality. The danger, however, is that the crisis could increase Danish antipathy to the EEC even further.

Of all the EEC nations, Denmark is probably the least wedded to the concept of European union (even less than Britain) and is particularly wary of the implications of the single European Act, which amends the Treaty of Rome by giving the Commission and the European Parliament greater powers and coordinates EEC foreign policy.

Ironically, the Act comes fully into force during Denmark's EEC stewardship. In February the Danish Government (at Mr. Ellemann-Jensen's suggestion) called a referendum on whether Copenhagen should ratify the single Act. It narrowly won it, thus neutralizing

the anti-market forces. But there is still profound suspicion of the Common Market, with EEC policy scrutinized by a special all-party committee in the Folketing (Parliament) and Danish ministers given explicit negotiating instructions when they go to Brussels. The Common Market committee reflects the make-up of the Folketing, in which a minority Conservative-Liberal Government is constrained by a large Social Democratic opposition largely hostile to the EEC.

There are other special Danish concerns to be met, as Mr. Ellemann-Jensen pointed out recently in Copenhagen. These include Denmark's sensitivity over harmonization of environmental legislation. The Danes argue, to the irritation of their EEC partners, that Danish standards are more stringent than elsewhere in Europe and must not be "levelled down".

Above all, Denmark has a strong Nordic identity which sets it apart

from the rest of the EEC. It insists (again, sometimes to the irritation of the others) on retaining special links with Scandinavia.

This could be turned to advantage. The Nordic link could help the EEC's relations with the European Free Trade Association, and in particular could encourage Norway in its tentative moves toward EEC membership. Mr. Ellemann-Jensen says he would "lay any bet" that Norway and not Turkey will become the EEC's 13th member by the end of the century.

But on the whole Denmark's sensitivities, coupled with the inheritance of an apparently insoluble EEC budget crisis, will make this a "very difficult", if spirited presidency, as Mr. Ellemann-Jensen openly admits. It will be made even more difficult if, as some observers in Copenhagen are predicting, the Schluter Government holds elections in the autumn.

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Reagan forges ahead with his Gulf tanker protection plan

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Rejecting warnings to President Reagan yesterday by congressional leaders, the White House announced it was going ahead with the plan to protect Kuwaiti tankers, beginning in mid-July. At the same time the US will launch a big diplomatic initiative to end the Gulf War and urge the Security Council to seek a ceasefire within the next two weeks.

Mr. George Shultz, the Secretary of State, will lead a concerted effort to achieve a negotiated end to the war with

Mamam, Bahrain (AP) — An Iranian gunboat fired a missile into a cargo ship carrying a Kuwaiti flag on Monday in the same area where Iran attacked two Scandinavian tankers last week, maritime salvage officers said yesterday.

No injuries were reported, and the ship, the al-Mirakab, was proceeding under its own power to Bahrain with only minor damage, they said.

"no victor and no vanquished," Mr. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman said yesterday. General Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, will travel to world capitals for consultations on the American initiative.

Congress made a last-ditch stand to prevent the reflagging plan when a delegation from both parties, led by Mr. Jim Wright, the Speaker, met President Reagan at the White House. Senator Sam Nunn, the influential chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said the use of US Navy escorts to protect the 11 Kuwaiti tankers "poses substantial risks of a US-Iranian confrontation which could escalate violently and unpredictably."

But Mr. Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said any delay "would be an extremely adverse thing for our national interest." He said Kuwait would turn to the Soviet Union for help. He also suggested earlier on television yesterday that there could be a constitutional confrontation between the President and

Congress if it tried to block the protection plan.

The White House summoned all the senior members of the National Security Council into the briefing room yesterday to underline the political importance of public support for reflagging and to demonstrate its determination to go ahead with the controversial plan. They all acknowledged the risk of attacks on both the Kuwaiti ships and their US naval escorts.

"I didn't say they wouldn't be attacked," Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told reporters. "You asked me if we could protect them. Yes, we can."

Mr. Weinberger said the risks of not going ahead were much greater. And Mr. William Webster, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, conceded that the operation would probably increase the threat of violent reaction. The CIA had been analysing possible Iranian reaction, while the US Navy had been focusing on whether it could "take care of itself" if there were repercussions in the Gulf.

The White House attempted to portray yesterday's meeting with congressmen, who included Senator Robert Byrd and Senator Robert Dole, the Republican and Democratic leaders, as congressional support for the President. "It was agreed that the US has vital interest in the Persian Gulf," Mr. Fitzwater said.

But Congress may be angered by Mr. Reagan's refusal to delay his plan or discuss it first on Capitol Hill.

The US has been trying for the past three weeks to get all members of the Security Council to agree on a toughly worded resolution that threatened Iran with sanctions if it did not heed calls for a cease-fire.

Vienna — Iran's Foreign Minister, Mr. Ali Akbar Velayati, said yesterday that superpower presence in the Gulf would increase the danger of armed confrontation.

New Mexico today passes the Pilon Nut Act, which means that products labelled as containing pilons must do so.

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Bail given in South Africa treason case



The Rev. Geoff Moselane leaving court with his family after being released on bail along with nine co-defendants in South Africa's biggest-ever treason trial at Delmas, east of Johannesburg.

Jubilant relatives and friends turned out to greet those released, who had spent 30 months in detention (Reuters reports). Three other defendants, officials of the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front

(UDF), were refused bail, while six others had been freed on bail last November.

The trial began 18 months ago, with the accused facing charges including treason, murder, terrorism, subversion and furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress (ANC). If convicted, the defendants could face the death penalty.

Relatives and friends, some in tears, kissed and hugged the accused as they emerged from court after Justice Kwame Van Dijkhorst set them free on stringent conditions. Bystanders shouted "power to the people" as the three remaining in custody, Mr. Popo Molefe, Mr. Patrick "Terror" Lekota and Mr. Moss Chikane, were led away.

Ethnic tension in Yugoslavia

Belgrade's inertia fuels Kosovo unrest

From Richard Bassett, Pristina, Yugoslavia

In Pristina, the Balkans reasserts itself only at sunset. Then, the leafy corso which runs from the skyscrapers around the Grand Hotel, turns into a sea of strolling pedestrians pursuing an age-old ritual. The incongruity of this promenade between concrete tower blocks underlines the tension which exists in the unashamedly modern capital of Kosovo.

For most of the largely Albanian population in the city, the gruesome 1970s architecture is a symbol of Serbian imperialism: an unwanted attempt to drag the city into the materialist glitter of the 20th century.

For Belgrade and the 200,000 Serbs and Monte-

negrins still left in Kosovo, it expresses a sincere wish to develop and help what has always been one of the poorest and most backward parts of the Balkans. Between talks of the latest film and a brief glance at some earthenware beauty on the arm of an ever-watchful parent, there is much chatter of how Belgrade proposes to "help" Kosovo next.

Fears that Belgrade would impose direct rule for the autonomous province which is part of Serbia still abound.

Though last weekend's Central Committee meeting ended without adopting any vigorous measures to combat growing tension between Albanians and Serbs in the

region, there is widespread anxiety that some Serbs may soon take the law into their own hands. No one doubts that many young Albanians would retaliate.

In 1981, the corso was the scene of several pitched battles between Albanian students and security forces. The memory of the rioting still looms large in most minds.

At the nearby ramshackle university buildings students of English brandishing proudly their green Cambridge University dictionaries remain adamant that the only solution to the province's troubles is to break with Serbia and become a fully fledged republic.

Belgrade has repeatedly opposed this federal solution on the ground that it would only encourage separatists in the region to work for a union with Albania.

But Albanian officials in Pristina deny such intentions. "Why should we wish to become part of Albania? Do you think I would be allowed to run a car if I were living in Tirana?" a confidant of the Kosovo leader, Mr. Azem Vlassi, asks.

All Albanians believe that the Central Committee was right to oppose Serbian demands for direct rule from Belgrade but they fear that it will be up to Belgrade to keep the Serbs in check.

Open season for legislators

New laws reveal a forgotten America

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Today is the first day of a range of new laws in the United States. Laws that reveal the sinister, the funny, the obsessive and the simply daft side of life in the forgotten corners of this vast country.

Idaho, huge and eerie in its north-western retreat, has declared war on terrorists, namely, the Aryan Nations — Church of Jesus Christ Christian — which has set up headquarters in Hayden Lake.

The anti-black organization is suspected of carrying out several bomb attacks and the Rev. Richard Butler, its leader, is under indictment for sedition.

The new law bars training in techniques capable of causing property damage and bodily

injury or death. It carries a maximum 10-year jail sentence.

"White supremacists and would-be terrorists who want to conduct training designed to hurt people had best do it outside the borders of Idaho," declared Mr. Jim Jones, the state's attorney-general.

Three states enact laws today aimed at curbing tobacco use among the young. Colorado will make it an offence for people under 18 to buy cigarettes, while in Georgia the age limit will be 17. West Virginia, meanwhile, is banning minors from buying snuff or chewing tobacco.

Many states are enacting anti-smoking laws to protect adults. Iowa will implement the Clean Air Act, banning smoking in most public build-

ings except in areas designated for the purpose. South Dakota is adding nursing homes, jury rooms and doctors' and dentists' surgeries to its no-smoking list.

Meanwhile, North Dakota has decided to allow restaurants to serve beer and wine with meals on Sundays. And charitable groups will be allowed to stage stud-poker games, but only twice a year.

Missouri is toughening its law requiring seat belts to be used in the front seat of vehicles, and South Dakota will begin fining parents who fail to buckle up children.

Georgia will require girls aged 17 and younger to have parental consent for abortions, although the pregnant teenager can seek a court order to waive this requirement. It is

also passing an anti-cruising law, giving police authority to tell motorists to stop hanging around.

Oklahoma is requiring all schoolchildren between the ages of 12 and 14 to receive Aids education, although parents will have the right to take their offspring out of the classes.

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Gorbachov sets legal seal on change

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, created a new legal framework for his sweeping reform programme yesterday when the Soviet Parliament unanimously passed new laws to encourage glasnost (openness), decentralize sections of the ailing economy and to make bureaucrats answerable to the courts for disputed decisions.

The controversial legal package, the most wide-ranging of its kind since Mr Gorbachov came to power in March 1985, was seen by Soviet and Western officials

Moscow — Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, said yesterday that he had invited Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to address the organization's General Assembly (Reuters reports).

alike as an attempt to win popular support in his struggle against the entrenched bureaucratic opposition to his plans for change.

The precedent-setting new law to promote "the nationwide discussion of important questions of state life" was described by President Gromyko in a hard-hitting address to the 1,500 Supreme Soviet delegates, as the first part of a whole legislative programme

aimed at enforcing backing for glasnost.

The new economic law encouraging individual responsibility and competition was seen by some Western experts as the most important piece of economic legislation passed since the 1920s.

It will now take effect from January 1 in the teeth of bitter opposition from Communist Party die-hards who have failed in repeated attempts to water down its provisions.

The third law covering "the procedure of citizens resorting to court action in cases of violations of their rights by officials" was described by its official proposer, Mr Georgy Razumovsky, Central Committee Secretary in charge of personnel, as aimed at combating the "negative phenomena" of bureaucracy and red tape.

The enactment of the legislation was regarded by Kremlin-watchers as a crucial step in shoring-up the Gorbachov reforms and trying to secure them a more formal position in Soviet constitutional life.

The closing day of the historic session of the Supreme Soviet — normally an institution noted for the dullness and uninspiring predictability of its proceedings — was also marked by the sub-



Mr Gromyko addressing the seventh session of the Supreme Soviet yesterday.

mission of critical written questions by delegates, a selection of which were read out in the Grand Kremlin Palace.

In a tentative step forward by a rubber-stamp legislature which has few of the trappings of equivalent institutions in the West, the questioners attacked the poor quality of flour being used in Soviet bread.

Mr Gromyko, one of the few survivors of the Brezhnev "old guard" still in power, gave a vigorous defence of Mr Gorbachov's reform programme in a formidable speech delivered less than a month before he celebrates his 78th birthday. It was seen as part of the campaign to defuse the conservative opposition.

"The entire process of

restructuring is irreversible," said the former long-serving foreign minister, who accompanied his call for legal backing for glasnost with a stinging attack on the Western practice of democracy, which he claimed ignored the wishes of the masses.

In a passage apparently designed to refute those Communist Party critics who see

Western influence growing, Mr Gromyko (who was once known as "Mr Nyet") claimed that only under socialism could public opinion be properly canvassed. "There is not a single country in the Western world where a genuine, nationwide discussion has been held in the present or past, or can be held," he argued.

Adopting an uncharacteristically critical and populist tone, Mr Gromyko joined those who have publicly disowned past Kremlin actions. "There were deformities in socialism in the past," he admitted. The ageing President spoke frankly about the unacceptably high levels of air and water pollution to be found in the Soviet Union, about the country's high crime rate — particularly among juveniles — and the recent undermining of the Kremlin's efforts to clamp down on alcohol consumption.

Mr Gromyko's emergence as an apostle of glasnost and populist sentiment prompted some Westerners to recall how rapidly attitudes have changed in the Kremlin. His one-time aide, Mr Arkady Shevchenko, the highest-ranking Soviet defector to the West, wrote that the President's daughter, Emilia, had once told him: "My father lives in the skies... For 25 years, he has not set foot in the streets of Moscow."

US media déluge on pros and cons of the new Russia

From Charles Bremner, New York

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, may still be striving to transform the Soviet media, but he has already succeeded with the American version.

You can hardly turn on a television in the United States without finding a documentary on the new Russia or one of the Kremlin's urbane spokesmen delivering a disarming account of the failings of his country.

Magazines are devoting much space to glimpses of daily life from Riga to Khabarovsk. Two months ago, for example, the mass-circulation *People* magazine turned over a whole edition to Russia and *Time* is about to produce another long cover story on the subject.

This week the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) network broadcast a 90-minute special feature by its editor, Dan Rather, and a team of star reporters who were "parachuted" into the country for seven days to get a feel of glasnost (openness).

America is in the throes of one of its periodic bouts of fascination with the other superpower, and, as never before, the Russians are playing a skilful part in managing their image here. This is worrying some emigrants and conservatives who see the country being seduced into a sense of security that could weaken defences.

For example, Mr Dmitri Symes, an émigré political analyst, resigned his post as CBS's consultant on Soviet affairs this week because he said that the company had been "completely snookered by the Soviets" in the production of their documentary.

The American public view of Russia, moulded by the news media and the film industry, has always swung with the

CBS was completely snookered

political tide. But even when the caricature of the nuclear-armed police state has been at its sharpest, ordinary Americans seem to have sought support for a view of the Russians as human beings just like themselves but ruled by an inhuman regime.

Ordinary Russians thirst for information on America, but they have a more realistic sense than Americans of the political and cultural barriers between the two peoples.

Since the Khrushchev thaw of the 1950s, films like Norman Jewison's *The Russians Are Coming* have shown the nuclear adversary as human and endearing. The short-lived detente of the 1970s gave birth to James Bond films in which 007 worked alongside the KGB. But the harder view prevailed in the first five Reagan years, prompting Soviet propagandists to see a conspiracy in such films as

Rambo, *Rocky IV* and *Amerika* rather than a reaction to Soviet policies.

"I think that America has survived the appeal to hatred," wrote Mr Vitaly Korotich, the editor of *Ogonyok*, the magazine that is leading the new style Soviet journalism. Mr Korotich's article appearing in 1987 America was printed this month both in his weekly and in the US magazine *Parade*, whose own editor wrote pieces on the Soviet Union, also printed in both.

The Russians can largely congratulate themselves on the shift to a favourable image.

Dangerous exploitation of American naïveté

Much of it stems of course from the attractive personality of Mr Gorbachov and his actions, such as the release of Dr Andrei Sakharov and other dissidents. But astute handling by the Kremlin's image-makers has contributed much and helped Americans gain a genuinely less caricatured view of the other side.

For a start, Moscow has largely short-circuited the corps of Moscow-based US correspondents, seen by the Kremlin as excessively cynical and negative. Instead, spokesmen such as the Foreign Ministry's Mr Gennady Gerasimov and the US-educated journalist, Mr Vladimir Pozner, are available for instant idiomatic interview by satellite for news and talk shows.

The Soviet news apparatus has also awarded its greatest favours to outside reporters and commentators. For this historic broadcast, the CBS team was given unprecedented access. But the broadcast did not mention that about 60 per cent of the interviews with Russians were arranged by the authorities.

The Soviet image has also been burnished through visits by a string of VIPs such as the poets Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Andrei Voznesensky and the popular film-maker Elem Klimov, who conducted a Soviet-US film summit devoted to breaking with stereotype portrayals of each other. Soviet local officials have attended town-twinning ceremonies across the United States and the Bolshoi ballet is opening in New York next week.

For the critics, the deft Soviet public relations effort is a dangerous siren-song to exploit American naïveté by depicting Mr Gorbachov as a force of enlightenment who should be courted by the West.

Mr Symes, who left CBS over the issue said that the network filmed only what it was told to, ignoring the fact that "it is still a totalitarian government" whose policies are aimed in the long term "at our demise".

Cities of Spain stay Socialist

Madrid (Reuters) — Spain's ruling Socialists retained control of the five main cities yesterday despite losing their majorities in the local elections earlier this month, city officials said.

They were able to do so after the opposition centrist and right-wing parties failed to agree on coalitions when the city councils met yesterday in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Seville and Saragossa for the first time since the poll.

The Socialist Party of Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, polled 37.2 per cent of the vote in the June 10 municipal elections, 5 per cent down on the previous poll four years ago.

The right-wing Popular Alliance also lost 5 per cent of the vote to come a poor second. The Social and Democratic Centre of the former Prime Minister, Señor Adolfo Suárez, emerged as the third force, holding the balance in many city councils.

● Pattersa set: The refusal of Señor Suárez to team up with the right-wing Popular Alliance dominated yesterday's elections (Richard Wigg writes from Madrid). His decision may well have set the scene for Spanish politics over the next two or three years.

The Socialists now have to administer the city councils without a majority and Señor Suárez has ordered his councillors to exercise strict control. A similar pattern is expected to emerge in 13 new regional administrations. But in the Canary Islands Señor Suárez's forces are expected to replace the Socialists and possibly to back the Popular Alliance to replace the Socialists in Castilla-León.

Fiji sugar workers suspended

Suva (Reuters) — Fiji ordered sugar cane farmers to stop harvesting and suspended all mill workers for a month yesterday in retaliation for what it described as political sabotage to destroy the island state's main export industry.

The chairman of the state-owned Fiji Sugar Corporation, Mr Lyle Cupit, said he was forced to act because of "orchestrated walkouts" of mill workers and two sabotage attempts at a leading sugar plant.

Costly ballast

The Hague (Reuters) — The Dutch balloonist Henk Brink, who set a record time for an Atlantic crossing last year, has decided to pay an out-of-court settlement of nearly £1,000 to avoid being charged with dumping bags of lead pellets (ballast) over a Dutch town.

Mafia arrests

Reggio di Calabria (Reuters) — Italian police have arrested 18 suspected Mafia members in connection with investigations into a gang war in which about 180 people have been killed in the past year.

Haiti strike

Port-au-Prince (Reuters) — A general strike against Haiti's military-civilian National Council of Government paralyzed the country and left one person dead and at least four wounded in clashes with the Army.

Liquor cure

Colombo (AP) — A man caught selling home-brewed liquor without a license was forced by police to pour down remaining pots of the brew over himself.

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Chun's jailed opponents await release

From David Watts, Seoul

As South Koreans waited to hear President Chun's official approval of the reform package put forward by Mr. Roh Tae Woo, the Chairman of the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP), preparations were already in progress to implement it.

The President's approval of the plan in a special television address early today is now a certainty, and the Ministry of Justice has begun reviewing papers for the release of 1,100 people held for political offences since 1980.

It is expected that those dealt with first will be those held since President Chun took office that year. People convicted by courts martial will also be considered. The Ministry says that those held number far fewer than the 2,500 claimed by the Opposition.

President Chun held a series of meetings after the official presentation of the surprise package by Mr. Roh. After his meeting with the DJP Chairman he met the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Chief Justice and the Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Han Key, before instructing Cabinet members to start working on detailed implementation of the package.

In Seoul there is something of an air of unreality about the new situation with television, newspapers and government officials feeling themselves less fettered by the political reality about to be created. Increased foreign travel may be allowed for those under 45,



Standing down: Two riot policemen, one with a dressing on his head, relaxing in a police bus in the centre of Seoul yesterday after their nationwide "red alert" had ended. They had taken off their uniforms and weapons after the announcement.

reinstatement of expelled university teachers and students is also being considered while the populace eagerly awaits the political game that is about to begin.

But Mr. Kim Dae Jung, who expects to have his civil rights

restored, added a note of caution. He called again for the formation of an interim cabinet to carry out democratic reform during the remainder of President Chun's tenure which ends next February.

"President Chun is going to be nervous and fretful until next February and we can't be sure that he might not change his mind and order arrests. He just needs a pretext and then he can get people loyal to him to carry out his orders," said a

Seoul academic. Mr. Kim Young Sam, President of the Reunification Democratic Party (RDP), who called for a joint "declaration for democratization" among the leaders of the rival camps, said he hoped the military would

support and protect the aspirations for democratization because they were "the ardent hopes of the people and not a political group".

Mr. Kim was addressing largely unspoken fears that the military might still take a hard line, having seen the accommodation with the Opposition go further than they might wish. Some in the military consider Mr. Kim Dae Jung to be something akin to a communist, and the prospect of his achieving political power cannot please them.

The RDP, meanwhile, has set up a special committee to draw up a constitutional amendment Bill. Referring to the Bill, Mr. Kim Young Sam said that it must respect human rights and guarantee separation of executive, legislative and judicial powers.

After riot police were stood down from duty, the National Police Agency announced that since the unrest erupted on June 10, 251,200 tear-gas shells had been fired and 17,244 demonstrators rounded up, most of whom have now been set free. The agency said that 6,305 riot police and 146 civilians had been hurt. A Yonsei University student is still in a coma after being hit by a tear-gas shell and a Taejon policeman was killed.

During the unrest 35 regional offices of the DJP and other public buildings were damaged or destroyed. 262 police stations were attacked and 164 vehicles were destroyed or damaged by fire.

Roh's bold reform plan exorcizes his unpopular image

From David Watts, Seoul

The incipient political "miracle" South Korea is now experiencing has transformed the image of a man who only a few days ago was seen as an unpopular future successor to President Chun.

Mr. Roh Tae Woo's plan to exorcize all the complaints against the Chun Government of a single stroke has earned him widespread praise as the initiator of a scheme which might rid South Korea of centralized, one-man rule and sow true democracy.

"Overnight Mr. Roh has made his name," said an academic. "Without his decision what could have been done? We're standing on the

threshold of probably the most important change in our 5,000-year history."

Mr. Roh, aged 55, finds himself at the centre of South Korean history at this juncture because President Chun thrust him forward to tackle the country's day-to-day political affairs in preparation for his taking over as his successor next February.

Almost three weeks of unrest put paid to a carefully laid plan that some believe was worked out between the two men when President Chun came to power in 1980, so close is the relationship between them.

But, ironically, his bold plan for the country's political future has left him a strong

presidential candidate in his own right rather than just an unpopular clone of President Chun. Indeed Mr. Roh's seeming indecision as the days of clashes passed led many in the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) to call for his dismissal, and at least part of his motivation in seeking a complete transformation of the status quo was to protect his own position as a candidate.

As with many political and other relationships in South Korea the area of one's birth and family connections have played a large role in Mr. Roh's career. Both he and the President came from Taegu in the southern Kyongsang region, but the relationship between the two men is founded



Mr. Roh: enjoying a sudden upsurge in popularity. on their graduation from the Korean Military Academy's Class 11 in 1955. This was the first four-year course held at the academy.

A battalion commander in Vietnam, then a Special Forces brigade commander, Mr. Roh later took command of the 9th "White Horse" Infantry Division stationed north-west of Seoul in 1978. It was in that command, as a two-star general, that he dispatched troops to help the then General Chun's seizure of power on December 12, 1979.

He then became commander of the Capital Security Command and of the Defence Security Command from August 1980 and, through his close association with Mr. Chun at that time, he has been linked in the public mind with the Kwangju incident in May of that year in which hundreds of civilians were killed by the Army.

He retired from the Army as a four-star general in July 1981 and became Minister of State for National Security and Foreign Affairs.

In March 1982 he became Minister of Sports, a month later Minister of Internal Affairs and in July 1983 President of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee. The following year he was named President of the Korean Olympic Committee.

In the February 1985 general elections, which saw astonishing gains for the opposition New Korea Democratic Party, Mr. Roh was elected a member of the National Assembly and became chairman of the DJP the same month.

Prostitute's tale sparks Swiss row over Aids

From Philip Jacobson, Zurich

Behind the grim facade of this Swiss citadel of commerce, a bitter confrontation is developing over the right of journalists to protect confidential sources versus the right of the public to be protected from Aids.

In a case that is sure to raise far-reaching legal and ethical issues, the Zurich public prosecutor has charged three employees of the state television service, DRS, for refusing to reveal the identity of a prostitute they interviewed in the course of a programme investigating why Switzerland has the highest proportion of Aids cases in Western Europe.

During her two minutes on screen, with her face hidden and voice disguised, Yvonne, a drug addict and confirmed Aids sufferer, said she was continuing to have sex with clients without using condoms.

As the programme pointed out, more than 10 per cent of Zurich's 800 to 900 regular prostitutes were both drug addicts and carriers of the Aids virus. The implications are deeply disturbing.

"We set out to demonstrate how Aids can be spread beyond the most commonly affected groups by men using the services of prostitutes," said Mr. Daniel Eckmann, the DRS spokesman. "To make the programme credible and realistic, we felt we must show someone like Yvonne describing exactly how she operated, and to secure her co-operation we had to agree never to reveal her proper name."

Yvonne's sombre contribution seems to have had the desired effect. A few weeks later, the city's public health authority began distributing leaflets in the red-light district exhorting prostitutes to join its anti-Aids campaign by always using condoms in their trade. Soon afterwards the University of Zurich hospital reported the beginning of "a distinct change of behaviour in the circles concerned".

But the DRS programme also attracted hostile attention. According to the public prosecutor for the canton of Zurich, the editor of a city newspaper requested (as any private citizen may do) the initiation of legal proceedings against Yvonne. Under sec-

tion 231 of the Swiss penal code she could be accused of knowingly spreading "a dangerous contagious human disease", and face up to five years in jail.

The vice squad, however, failed to find Yvonne, and so the police asked the DRS executive board for her identity. This was firmly refused. The three journalists who made the programme also refused to reveal her name, despite warnings that they themselves could be charged with obstruction of justice.

"There are many other ways in which the prosecutor's office can pursue investigations into drug-addicted prostitutes," the DRS declared in a defiant statement. "We cannot accept the criticism that

Los Angeles - An Aids victim who allegedly knowingly sold his own contaminated blood to a blood bank, has been charged with attempted murder (Ivor Davis writes). The District Attorney said "the charges were necessary to protect the public".

proceedings have been made impossible by the journalists' refusal to disclose the name of this woman."

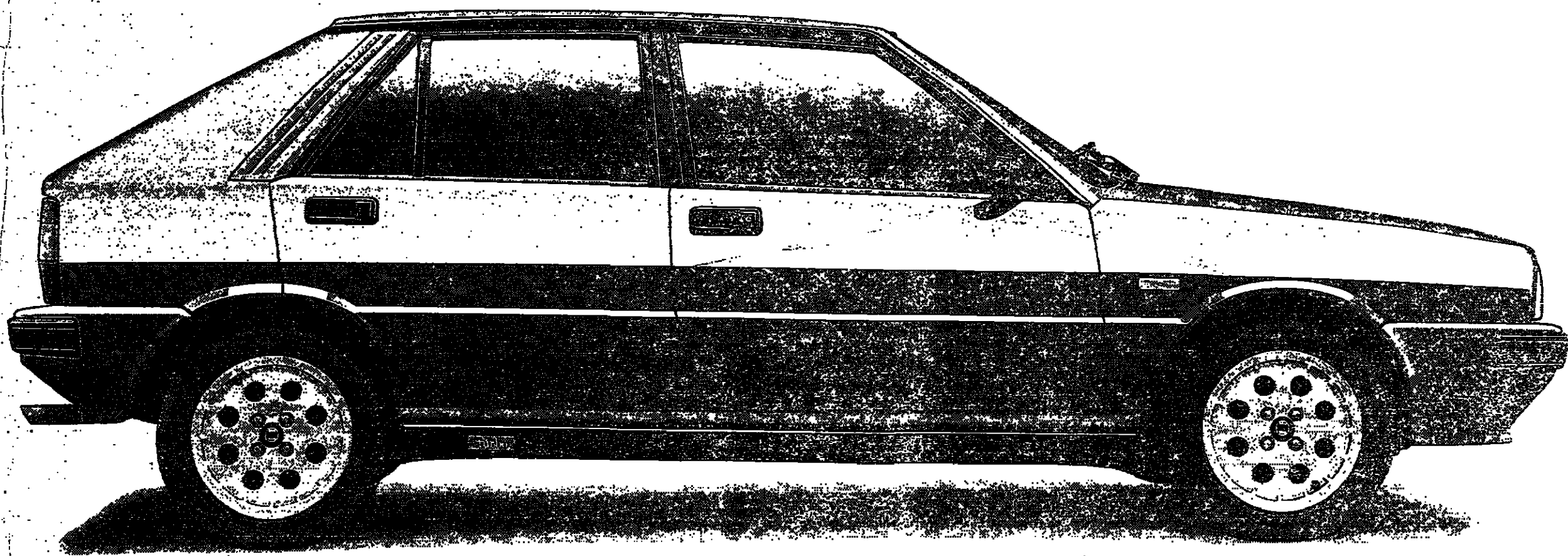
As all concerned with the "Yvonne affair" concede, it raises a number of extremely sensitive questions. In the face of the threat that the Aids epidemic represents, can journalists anywhere morally sustain their traditional right to protect sources?

Next month, the latest quarterly report of confirmed Aids cases in Switzerland will reflect the unusually rapid spread of the disease here. Since June 1984, the figures have shown a more than 30-fold rise to just under 230 cases. Proportionally, in Britain, that would mean 2,000 cases, that is twice the actual reported number.

Meanwhile, the search for Yvonne seems to be getting nowhere. The three DRS journalists remain adamant that they cannot renege on the promise to protect her identity and the Swiss Journalists' Union applaud their stand. Putting the DRS journalists on trial, it argues, would only strengthen the case for a law that confirms their right to professional secrecy.

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Lange calls elections after polls point to historic Labour win

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealanders will go to the polls on August 15 in the first test of the policies of a government which has produced a mixture of right-wing economic reforms together with an adventurous left-wing anti-nuclear policy.

For Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, the unlikely mixture appears at this stage to be a winning formula. The fourth Labour Government has an unprecedented 26-point lead in the polls, a factor which clearly elated him when he announced the election date last night.

For New Zealand Labour governments it is the first electorate test which seems the unsurmountable hurdle. The second and third Labour governments were voted out after only one three-year term.

The trend has been upwards for the Government since the National Party took a brief four-point poll lead in March. Since then Labour has led, taking a 19-point lead in May, and a 26-point lead in June.

Such a result at the election would rewrite political history. The only time this century that there has been a significant swing to a government was in 1951 when a National government increased its majority after taking a tough line over a waterfront strike.

The extraordinary aspect is that the growth of support has

been achieved at a time of 18 per cent inflation, interest rates in the high 20s and increasing unemployment.

In spite of this the confidence factor is high. A majority now believes the economy is on the mend. Even in the provincial regions, hardest hit by reforms which have removed farm and industry subsidies, government support remains high.

Pollsters and political strategists agree that part of the Government's lead is soft



Mr Lange: Riding high on an unlikely policy mixture.

support. Last month's poll was taken two days after a budget which showed the first cash surplus for 35 years.

The National Party faces a big hurdle in acceptability however. For many months it appeared to be in disarray over economic policy, after a

clash between party finance spokesmen and the interventionist former leader Sir Robert Muldoon.

One of Labour's biggest advantages is the bounce-back ability of Mr Lange.

Known as Lucky Lange to many of his colleagues, Mr Lange is often saved by extraordinary events. The Chernobyl disaster for example strengthened anti-nuclear feelings in New Zealand at a time when Mr Lange was facing some problems with his anti-nuclear stance.

In many ways this policy is seen as an unofficial trade-off with Labour's left-wing in return for the economic reforms which have transformed the previously over-regulated and stifled New Zealand economy.

Mr Roger Douglas, the Finance Minister, was allowed to devalue and float the dollar, remove farm and export subsidies, reduce tariffs, phase out regulations and controls and open up the economy to an extent which could never have been envisaged under a former Labour government.

Although economists warn of the fragile state of the economy, the huge increase in private overseas debts and balance of payments problems, the National Party has so far been unable to capitalize on the issues.

Hong Kong reforms row

From David Bonavia
Hong Kong

Hong Kong is now exactly 10 years away from its transfer of sovereignty to the communist People's Republic of China, from whose imperial predecessors it was leased by Britain for 99 years in 1898.

This benchmark coincides with a bitter dispute between China and the UK over the institution of democratic electoral procedures here during the interim period. Peking believes it has been generous in promising Hong Kong 50 years of capitalism and British-style laws from 1997 on. Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, has even said that this could be extended to 100 years.

The Chinese Government does not seem entirely to know its own mind on the series of electoral reforms begun under the auspices of the British-dominated Hong Kong Government two years ago with indirect elections to the legislative council. A statement by a senior Chinese official, to the effect that further advances in electoral reform would violate the principles of the 1984 Anglo-Chinese joint declaration on the future of Hong Kong, has been officially repudiated in Peking. It remains common knowledge that the Chinese Government is most unhappy about having to reabsorb a Hong Kong which could have more liberal electoral procedures than any other part of China.

So far, the political dispute about elections has not noticeably affected Hong Kong's booming economy, with its full employment and massive exports, tourism, financial and banking activities. But



The British flag being lowered in Hong Kong yesterday. The ceremony will be held for the last time on June 30, 1997.

Residents' eyes are fixed on the 13th congress of the Communist Party expected to be held this autumn.

Mr Deng has not definitely said whether he will remain the country's effective leader after the congress. He would like to resign, he says, from

the key policy-making caucus, the Standing Committee of the Party Politburo.

If there should be another severe power struggle in China, spilling over into Hong Kong, many investors would become nervous and withdraw their funds.

Minister under fire

Opposition attacks Treasurer's claim for living expenses

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

With new opinion polls showing Labor on course for a third successive victory on July 11, the Australian election campaign has turned personal with attempts by the Liberal Opposition to discredit government leaders, and in particular Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer.

Mr Keating, the man most likely to succeed Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, as Labor leader, has been the focus before of allegations that he claims an allowance to which he is not entitled and which cost taxpayers about \$AUS17,000 (£7,650) in the last financial year.

The charge has been renewed by Mr John Howard, the Liberal leader, who said Mr Keating was continuing to "cheat" by claiming a daily living allowance during parliamentary sessions in Canberra.

Mr Keating is entitled to a rent allowance in the capital when he is away from his home, which is supposed to be in Sydney, but his family have effectively made their home in Canberra. Their evidence is a recent electoral return on which Mr Keating gave his home address as the Canberra suburb of Red Hill. The Treasurer owns a house in Sydney but has not lived there for more than a year.

Although it is not uncommon for federal MPs to make such claims, the timing of this new attack on Mr Keating could damage Labor.

Last year the Treasurer, who has set his sights on "tax-cutters and evaders", was embarrassed by the disclosure that his own tax assessment was overdue.

It has been an uncomfortable couple of days all round for Labor. On Monday night Mr Mick Young, the ALP president, admitted that Mr Hawke's pledge to eliminate child poverty by 1990 was an ambitious, and unattainable, goal — a long-term aim which should not be taken literally.

Meanwhile, with 11 days left to polling, the tyranny of distance in Australia is starting to wear down the leading campaigners.

In the past two weeks Mr Hawke has covered 14,480 miles on internal flights, an average of more than 1,000 miles a day. He has spent a

good deal more time in the air than on the hoof as Labor's most effective campaigner. Before polling he is due to go up another 4,560 miles.

The Prime Minister spent yesterday in Perth, Western Australia, the country's largest state containing the world's largest electoral division, Kalgoorlie.

The Kalgoorlie MP, Mr Graeme Campbell, has a constituency covering 872,586 square miles — an area roughly 10 times the size of the United Kingdom and with just one voter every 13 square miles.



Distance has been less of a factor in Mr Howard's campaign. In the past two weeks he has travelled only 6,960 miles by air, considerably less than Mr Hawke.

But then, unlike the Prime Minister, he is subjecting himself to a daily grind of news conferences, at which he is exposed, to tough grilling.

Meanwhile, Mr Doug Anthony, a former Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday made new allegations that the Australian news media was showing bias in favour of Labor.

Mr Anthony took out full-page advertisements in five leading daily newspapers at a personal cost of about \$AUS58,000 (£26,000) denouncing the "disgraceful distortion" by journalists and "collaboration between media and the Government".

Mr Anthony, who was leader of the National Party and Deputy Prime Minister in coalition with the Liberal McMahon and Fraser administrations, said: "No political leader in my lifetime has suffered such universal and constant hounding as John Howard, and he doesn't deserve it."

Headlined "A message of warning to all Australians", the advertisement contained no specific instance of alleged bias and mentioned no organization by name. But Mr Anthony said most members of the Canberra Press Gallery had "maintained an obsession with opposition trivia and pulled their punches with government incompetence".

Secret of Yangtze River capitalism

Old firm turns in a private profit

From Robert Grieses, Chongqing

In a rickety old building on the east side of Dongzheng Street, before it plunges towards the Yangtze River, can be found the offices of the Minsheng Shipping Company.

Despite the seedy appearance of the temporary premises at No 91, Minsheng is one of China's most successful privately-run companies.

• The company helped evacuate British diplomats •

Founded in 1925 and nationalized in 1954, the firm was given back to Mr Lu Guojin, a son of Minsheng's founder, three years ago.

Under the terms of the new arrangement, Minsheng is now a co-operative whose shares are owned by its employees.

That kind of worker motivation, coupled with the skilful management of Mr Lu, aged 64, has helped Minsheng develop from an obscure branch of a state-owned enterprise, the Yangtze River Shipping Company, to an independent concern with 850 employees, 50 river vessels (nine tugboats, 41 barges) and three ocean-going freighters.

Its river and ocean businesses, the latter involving the transport of goods between the ports along China's east coast, give Minsheng a combined freight capacity of 62,000 tons.

In 1986 its profit totalled 550,000 yuan (£91,000). The firm is currently planning new cargo routes between China and Japan.

Minsheng's recent success is a far cry from its performance between 1954 and 1984 when, Mr Lu said, "we all but disappeared". Mr Lu's achievement is all the more remarkable as he has spent most of his adult life working for the Chongqing Coal Industry Bureau.

The old Minsheng Company was considered one of the great firms of pre-revolutionary China. It prospered as trade on the Yangtze rose, particularly after Chongqing became the capital of Nationalist China during the Second World War.

Named "the people's livelihood" after one of Sun Yat

Sen's "Three Principles of the People", Minsheng was noteworthy for being one of the first big shipping companies in modern China to be controlled and operated by Chinese rather than by foreigners.

During the Second World War the company helped evacuate British diplomats from Chongqing and transported Chinese troops and war material to the front as Japanese forces neared the Nationalist capital.

By 1949, on the eve of the Communist takeover, Minsheng owned more than 140 vessels, including 20 ocean-going ships. But by then the shipping division was just one part of a 50-company Minsheng conglomerate that included manufacturing, insurance and financial services.

The elder Mr Lu died in 1952, and two years later China's central Government absorbed the company, selling off the ocean-going vessels and turning the firm into a nameless subsidiary.

There matters might have remained had not Mr Lu published a biography of his father in 1983. "I grew up with shipping, and had a profound understanding of the business," he said. "I wanted to share the achievements of my father with other Chinese."

• I wanted to share the achievements with other Chinese •

In early 1984 a group of former Minsheng employees who had read his book approached Mr Lu with the idea of reviving the old company. Peking had recently encouraged private investors to submit applications to manage enterprises on their own.

In this way the central Government hopes to save money and channel private savings into capital investment. Mr Lu's application was approved that year, and he and 100 employees began operations almost immediately.

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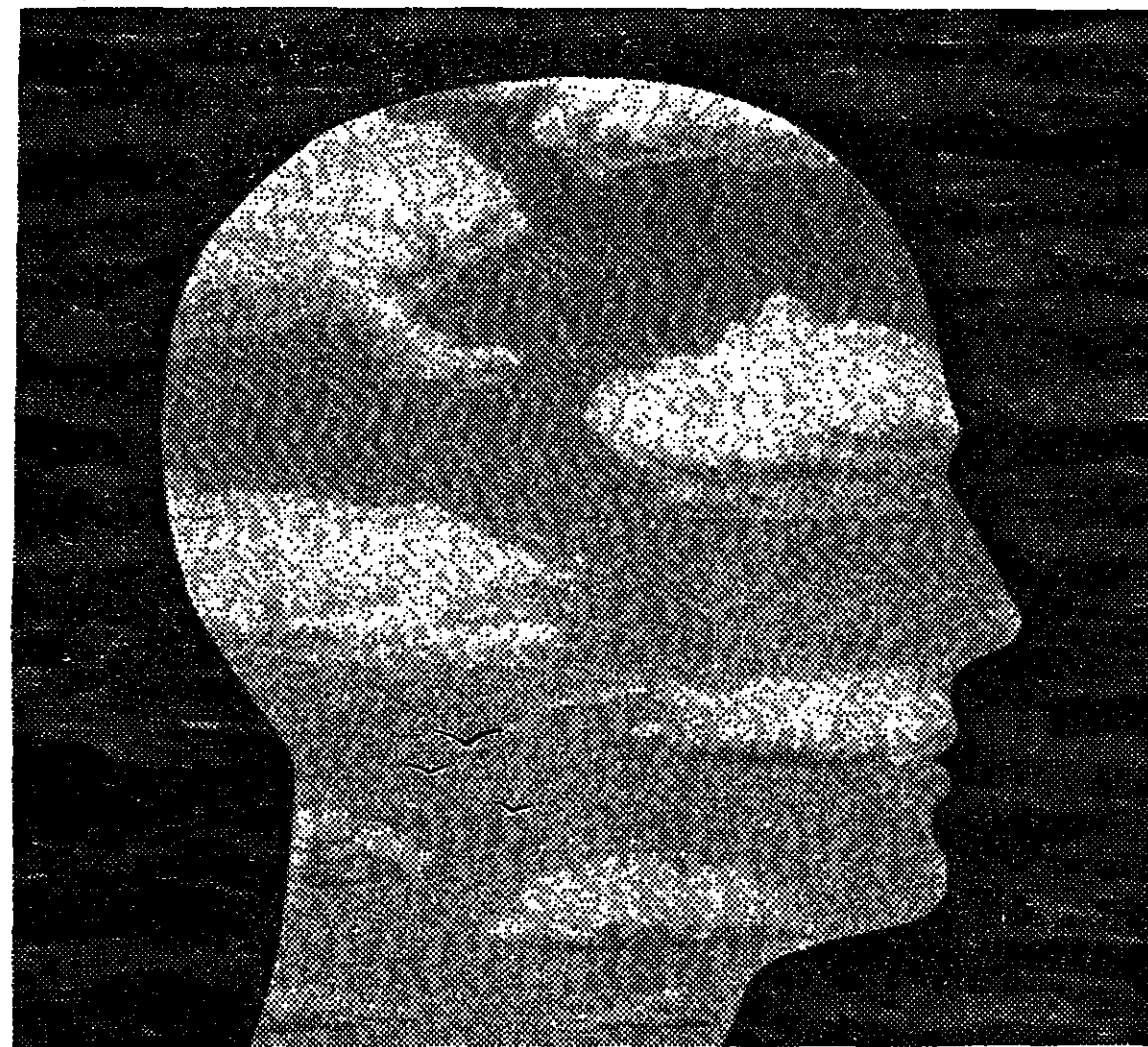
Systems evolution

A major evolution in recent years has been in the role of the PC itself, from a stand-alone machine into part of a system. And this evolution is closely reflected in Olivetti's approach. For Olivetti, PCs are conceived as the building blocks of a system.

This user requirement for a systems approach has demanded increasingly powerful and sophisticated technology. The consumer has, in a sense, retaken the initiative. How should the producer respond?

Olivetti's view is clear. Today's user is not only technologically literate but also financially committed. Naturally, he expects products that will offer him all the benefits of state-of-the-art technology.

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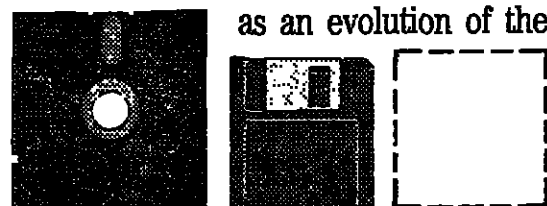
At the top of Olivetti's new PC range will be three models using the powerful 80386 microchip. These will be the fastest, most powerful PCs available, reflecting the trend for the PC to operate as server in local networks that can in turn be integrated with minicomputer environments.

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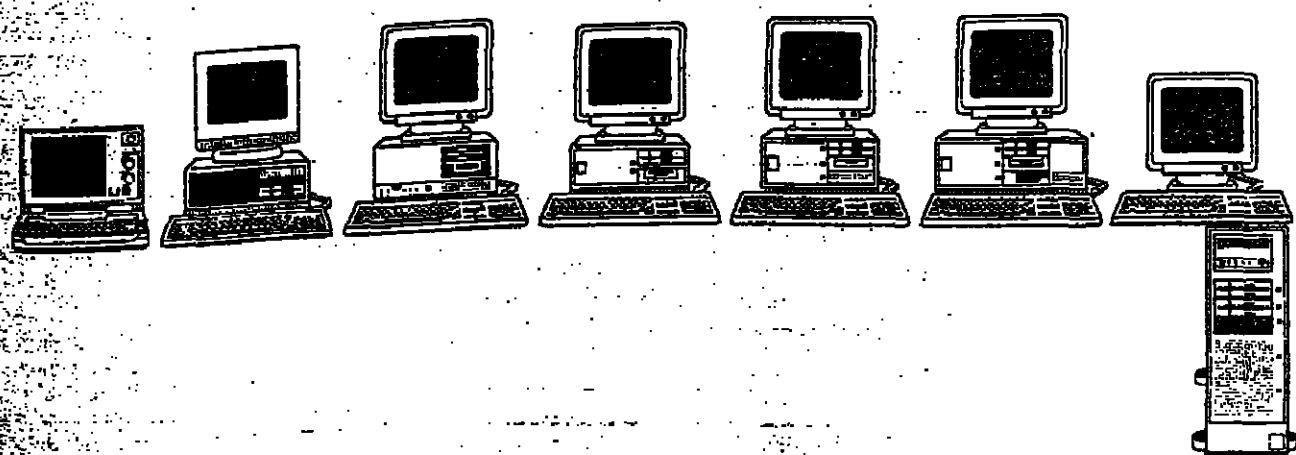
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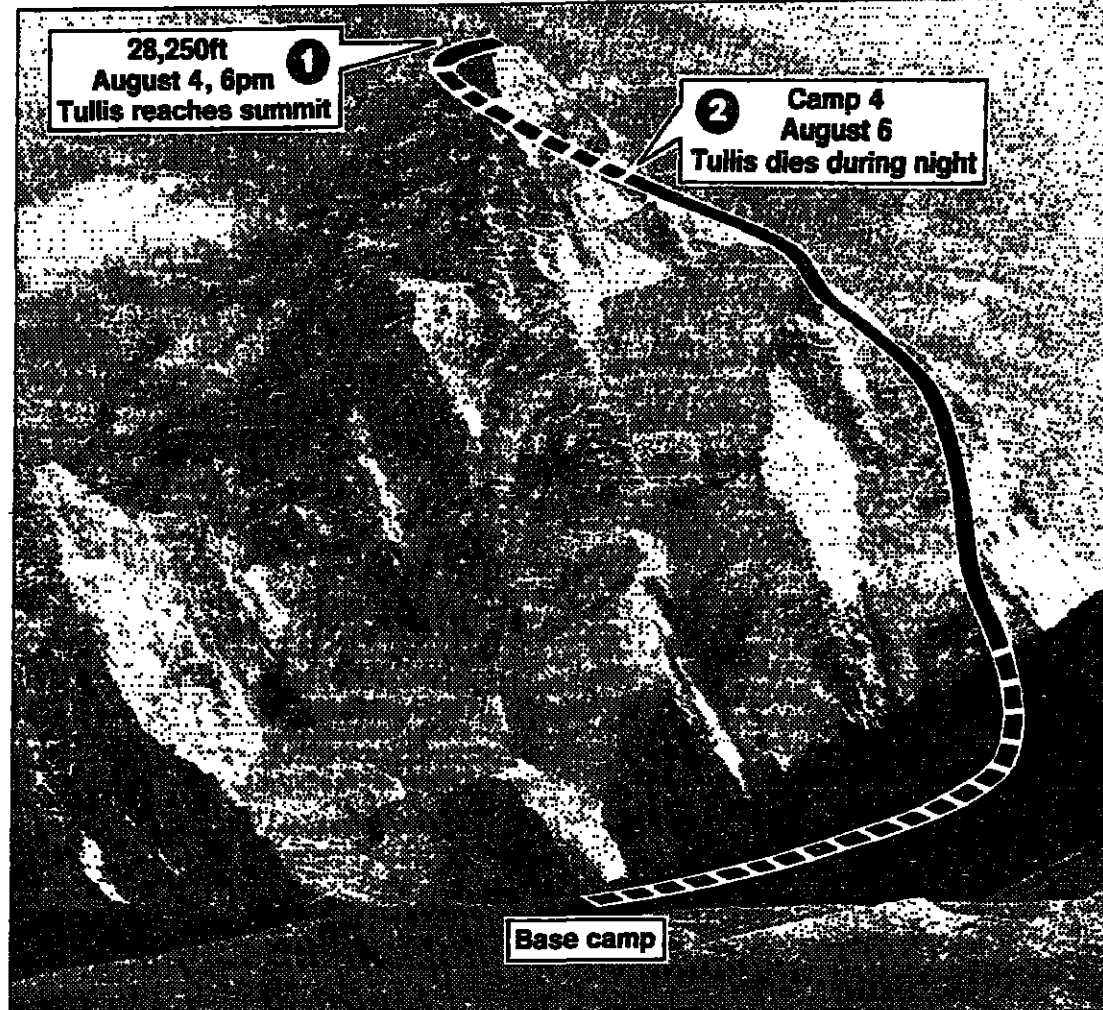
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Descent towards disaster



Julie Tullis and Kurt Diemberger had reached the summit, but K2 exacted a terrible toll on the climbers during the descent. Peter Gillman traces the steps that ended a tragic conquest



'I've lost Julie'
KURT DIEMBERGER, recovering in hospital

After their celebratory hug, Diemberger and Julie photographed each other by the tiny cairn of oxygen bottles that the Koreans had left at K2's summit the previous day. By now the light was fading fast and Julie told Diemberger: "It's high time we started our descent."

Two hundred metres below the summit came a near-catastrophe. Diemberger was descending a patch of hard snow when he heard Julie shout, "Oh Kurt!" Diemberger believes that Julie slipped on a patch of ice; in the next moment she slid past him at gathering speed. He dove in his ice axe but when the rope between them came taut he was wrenched from his stance.

As they headed towards a 3000-metre drop Diemberger was convinced they were doomed. By some miracle they stopped. Diemberger sitting upright, Julie sprawled in the snow above. "We were very relieved," says Diemberger. "It was almost death."

Their predicament was acute. The weather was worsening, night was almost upon them, and they had left their bivouac equipment in a rucksack above the Bottle-

neck. They carved out a shallow snowhole at the edge of a crevasse with their ice-axes and passed an "endless night", Diemberger says, sucking sweets and hugging each other in an attempt to stay warm.

When dawn broke, bringing with it clouds and a rising wind, Julie was suffering from frostbite on one hand and her nose. "But she did not complain," says Diemberger.

With considerable difficulty, in what soon became a complete white-out, Julie and Diemberger groped their way back to the fixed ropes and descended towards Camp Four. At the foot of the ropes they moved in zig-zags to improve their chances of finding the camp. Korean and Polish climbers who reached the summit on August 3 had left the next day. Rouse, Mrufka and the three Austrians had planned to start their descent on August 5, but were unable to move in the storm.

By 11 o'clock that morning they had virtually given up Julie and Diemberger for dead. Then the Austrian Willi Bauer heard Diemberger's shouts and called out in response.

When he and Julie heard Bauer, says Diemberger, they were "quite relieved". Julie's eyesight seemed

to be impaired and she crawled the last part of the way. Bauer helped Julie into his tent. "Her fingers were frostbitten, as was her face," Bauer says. "We gave her hot drinks to try to get her going again."

At the foot of K2, the climbers in Base Camp were increasingly alarmed. The weather had clearly broken and on August 5, when four inches of snow fell on the glacier, the mountain disappeared from view. That night the most ferocious storm of the summer broke. As the wind roared from K2's higher reaches, the British climber/cameraman Jim Curran felt "a well of sorrow" for his colleagues near the summit.

In Camp Four, the seven climbers were enduring the storm's fury. Julie rejoined Diemberger on the night of August 5 but seemed worried and distracted. They awoke to find their tent on the point of collapsing from the weight of snow. Yelling above the wind, they aroused Bauer and Rouse who helped them to struggle clear.

Julie returned to the Austrians' tent and Diemberger joined Rouse and Mrufka. Diemberger found the separation especially painful: the wind was so powerful, he says,

Trail to tragedy: the route Tullis and Diemberger took to the summit (dotted lines indicate where they went around the other side of the mountain)

"that even by shouting you could not speak from tent to tent". Later that day Julie struggled across to Rouse's tent. She told Diemberger she had come to say hello but added, "I feel rather strange."

Diemberger was unable to see Julie from inside the tent and asked her to bend down by the entrance. He could only glimpse her hair. "Be strong," he told her. "I think of you."

In the Austrians' tent, the weight of snow pressing from outside was restricting the space more and more. Bauer says that Julie was "very undemanding" and lay quietly in her sleeping bag. But Bauer, who had trained as a nurse during military service, was only too aware how every hour they were pinned down was putting Julie above all at risk.

Weakened by the shock of her fall and the frostbite and hypothermia she had suffered during her enforced bivouac, Julie was the most vulnerable to the effects of high altitude — and Bauer knew

that one of the symptoms was impaired eyesight. "When we gave Julie drinks she kept missing the cup," he says. "We knew then she had no more chance."

That evening Julie kept drifting asleep. Bauer was watching her and talked to her, he says, "to try to perk her up". At one point, when there was a brief lull in the storm, Julie asked if they could start to descend. Later, says Bauer, "she asked me to make sure that Diemberger got down safely. An hour or so later I looked at her again and she had died." Gently, Bauer closed her mouth and eyes.

For Diemberger, almost as distressing as Julie's death was the manner in which he learned of it. When morning came on August 7, Bauer shouted from his tent: "Kurt, Julie died last night." The news struck Diemberger like a hammer-blow.

"It was totally unexpected for me. I couldn't understand that nobody had called me over. Maybe I couldn't have helped her. But when you have been with someone for so long, you can give her spiritual help."

At 10 o'clock the Austrians moved Julie's body into the collapsed tent she had originally shared with Diemberger. As the

storm continued to rage, the six remaining climbers declined inexorably towards the same fate.

By August 8, all supplies of food were exhausted. Worse still, there was no more cooking gas to melt snow for drinks, essential to counter the dehydrating effects of altitude. The most seriously affected, as a result of his lack of sleep and the energy he had expended going to the summit, appeared to be Rouse. At times he became delirious, beating his hands on his sleeping-bag; at times, murmuring "water, water", he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Mrufka, by contrast, closed in on himself, as if entering a state of near-hibernation. Diemberger, with his stocky, middle-aged frame, was also in better shape than Rouse to survive. In the Austrians' tent, Bauer observed with disquiet that his two companions were suffering from dizziness — a telling symptom.

Yet still the storm made it impossible to attempt to descend. "Visibility was nil," says Bauer. "It was only on August 10 that we could see to go down." According to Bauer, Rouse had lost either the strength or the will to move. Seemingly lost in fantasies, he told Bauer that he had a supply of water in his sleeping bag and had decided to stay in his tent.

Diemberger also tried to cajole Rouse into action, without success. Rouse asked him for water and Diemberger moistened his lips with snow. "I had no choice but to leave him," Diemberger says.

Imtizer and Wieser were also close to death. Bauer helped them to their feet and pushed them out of the tent. Then he set off, breaking the trail with Mrufka

close behind. Imtizer and Wieser tried to follow but after struggling barely 100 metres they collapsed. Bauer and Mrufka attempted to support them but found they were unable to help themselves and so were forced to leave them behind.

Meanwhile Diemberger waited until the others had gone. Then he looked into Julie's tent for the last time. "I could touch her," he says, "but I could not see her face."

Soon after starting his descent Diemberger came upon Imtizer and Wieser lying in the snow. One was face down and motionless; the other on his back, his arms waving feebly. When Diemberger spoke to them they did not respond, concluding that they were beyond all help, Diemberger pressed on.

The three surviving climbers now headed for the safety of Base Camp. Bauer was still leading with Mrufka close behind, and she helped to extricate him when he sank into the snow, chest-deep at times. Then Diemberger caught up and all three shared the trail-breaking for a while.

Below Camp Three many of the fixed ropes were encased with ice. It was Mrufka who found it hardest to cope and she gradually fell behind. That night Bauer and Diemberger reached Camp Two to find supplies of food and gas at last. Mrufka did not arrive. In the morning Bauer and Diemberger waited until midday but she was never seen again. In Base Camp, Jim Curran was convinced that all seven climbers were dead. On August 11 he broke open the tent Julie and Diemberger had shared and found some lager that Diemberger had been brewing. Curran and the remaining climbers drank a sorrowful toast to absent friends.

As dusk fell on August 11, a silhouette appeared on the glacier, stumbling towards Base Camp. It was Bauer, his hands and feet frostbitten, his clothing in tatters. He managed to convey the news that Mrufka was missing and that all other climbers save Diemberger were dead.

Curran and two Polish climbers left at once for the Abruzzi ridge. Just before midnight they came upon Diemberger, moving down so slowly that he seemed to be barely alive. Curran told him that he was safe at last.

"I've lost Julie," Diemberger replied.

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But, however wealthy they may be, once they have qualified there is virtually no chance that they will be able to buy a new single-engine light aircraft. For the giant American manufacturers, Cessna and Piper, whose names have become synonymous with general aviation, have quit.

Cessna, for example, which sold 8,839 new light aircraft in 1977, will this year sell none. The production line has been closed and thousands of work-

Flying on clipped wings

The US passion for litigation has almost grounded the light aircraft industry

ers have been laid off. Piper, whose light aircraft challenged Cessna throughout the boom years of the 1960s and 1970s, was recently sold to a new individual owner pledged to start up the line again. But no one in the business can see how he can be successful.

America's passion for litigation has killed the industry. A law in the United States says that the maker of a product or the provider of a service is responsible forever if, as a result of a defect in the design, there is an accident.

This is how one case affected Cessna, according to its chairman, Russ Meyer. "In 1981 a man from Milwaukee was on a family holiday in Florida and saw an advertisement for one of our light aircraft built in 1951. He drove over to Tampa, liked it and bought it on the spot for \$28,000 (£17,500) even though there were no maintenance logs.

"Then it rained, heavily, for several days. Now we discovered in the late 1960s that after heavy rain underground fuel storage tanks can get water seeping into them. So we designed a quick drain transparent device on the fuel tanks which pilots have to check before taking off. It shows whether there is water in the fuel and can be simply opened up to allow the water to drain away if there is.

"This guy knew all about



Off the air: the Cessna 172

the quick drain and the aircraft had actually been retrofitted with it. But there was no check list with the aircraft and he just got in, taxied out, flew away — and crashed from 300 feet into a lake when the engine stopped.

"He got out OK, swam to shore and then sued us under product liability law. He said we should have ensured that all check lists on aircraft, however old they were, should have been amended to include a note about checking the drain. The fact that there wasn't even a check list with the aircraft apparently made no difference.

After several years, a retrial and massive legal costs, Cessna was told it was liable and had to pay the man his \$28,000 back, plus \$1.5 million in punitive damages. Cessna says it has "hundreds" of similar cases making their way slowly through the American courts. In each one the plaintiff is not only seeking his money back on the aircraft he bought — however old it is — but wants punitive damages against the company, too. The potential cost is so enormous that Cessna, like other light

craft makers, has left the business.

"It would be hard to describe the seriousness of the situation facing light aircraft manufacturers," says Meyer.

With no new light aircraft coming on the market, the average age of single-engine planes is getting older. It is estimated that half the 120,000 single-engine air-

craft flying around the world are more than 20 years old.

"People are holding on to them for their antique value," says Danny Forman, chief executive of the British General Aviation Manufacturers and Traders Association. "Because of this, prices are going through the roof and nothing is coming on to the market. Those aircraft which are sold are put on to the market privately and are snapped up immediately."

Several British and European manufacturers are trying

to break into the market, both in Europe and the US. But a lack of funding and the necessary facilities to go into large scale production, together with a comparatively tiny market in Europe compared to the US, is pushing prices well beyond the reach of the average private pilot.

Will it change? "Perhaps one day our legislators will see sense and realise we cannot be responsible for everything a pilot does in an aircraft which is as much as 30 years old or more," says Meyer. "If they do we will get back into business. But today there is simply no point. It is too expensive in the US and the market is not big enough anywhere else."

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An appeal to the conscience of Eli Lilly and Co.

To the directors of Eli Lilly and Dista Products Ltd.

On June 5 this newspaper in its leading article said that given the modesty of the claims of those who believe they have suffered from side effects of your now banned drug Opren, your refusal to settle out of court looks like extreme cynicism which ought to be made to rebound on you.

The Times further said that if no compensation was forthcoming, "all future applications by the company to market its products in Britain should be considered very carefully".

You know, too, that the Master of the Rolls, commenting on this case, said "I see no grounds for thinking that these cases are an exception to the general rule that settling genuine disputes by agreement between parties is almost always in the interest of all parties".

There have been numerous appeals to your conscience and common decency. So far they have been to no avail.

We must make it clear, however, that if there proves to be no conscience to appeal to, the fight for justice and recompense for those who believe themselves to be the victims of your drug will be a fight to the finish.

Yesterday we announced that substantial funds were now available to fight the case and today we are appealing to others to come forward in support.

But why is all this necessary?

You know that in similar cases the companies concerned have provided for those who were harmed. Why will you not do the same?

Why should people have to wait year after year to be fairly compensated? Why should all this money be poured into the pockets of lawyers when it could be used by those who need it most - those who have suffered bereavement, or who are now suffering in other ways as a result, they believe, of taking your drug.

At one point you were close to a settlement, but then you withdrew. *(Many of the poorer claimants, at the time, could not afford to proceed. This is no longer the case.)*

You have been urged to settle. It is fair to settle. It makes sense even from your point of view to settle. Why don't you do so now, and end the heartache?



On behalf of

Kathleen Grasham
Chairman, Opren Action Committee

Des Wilson
Chairman, Citizen Action

PS *This open letter is but a start. We will be in communication with you publicly until either the matter is settled or the court case is won.*

To Times readers: what this case is about and why you should help.

Opren (chemical name benoxaprofen) is an aspirin-like drug (a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug: NSAID) that was marketed in the UK between 1980 and 1982, by Dista Products Ltd.

Dista Products Ltd is a subsidiary of the US multinational drug company, Eli Lilly & Co. The group (which includes Elizabeth Arden cosmetics) had 1986 sales of \$3.72 billion, with a net income of \$558.2 million. The pharmaceutical group had what the Chairman described as "an outstanding year" in 1986 - with sales of \$2.12 billion, a 19 per cent increase on sales in 1985 (*Scrip* 13/2/87 p. 7).

Opren (benoxaprofen) was withdrawn worldwide in August 1982, following the suspension of its licence by the DHSS. Opren will be remembered notably for the following:

- It was introduced in the UK (and elsewhere) in a blaze of publicity aimed not only at professionals but at the general public.
- The drug tended to accumulate in the body causing serious, sometimes fatal liver and kidney reactions - especially among elderly, frail female users.
- It caused photosensitivity reactions in upwards of 10 per cent of users. When exposed to the sun, these people experienced often intensely painful reactions. Fair-skinned users were especially at risk, though were not specifically warned of this. (Among the British claimants are some 600 people who allege that these symptoms have been persistent - ie have recurred on exposure to the sun - preventing many of them from enjoying any exposure to the sun, since 1982.)
- The UK authorities suspended the product licence for Opren in August 1982 following reports of over sixty deaths, mainly from liver, kidney and skin reactions.

There was no enquiry into the Opren affair in Britain, but following the withdrawal of benoxaprofen ("Oraflex") in the US, both the Company and a senior British executive were prosecuted on criminal charges by the Federal authorities, notably for withholding evidence of the dangers of the drug from the FDA. Neither Lilly nor the executive contested the charges: both were fined.

Inevitably, people who have been injured by the drug began to seek compensation from Eli Lilly. The first case in the United States led to an award of \$6 million (a substantial proportion of what it would have cost the company to have settled all of the British cases). Many other US actions have been settled out of court.

We know of no settlement in a UK case, where claims for compensation for injury are notoriously difficult to pursue.

The British action has been pursued by the Opren Action Committee. This is the main 'clearing house' for some 1,500 people who are taking action against Eli Lilly, the UK subsidiary, Dista Products, and also the licensing authorities, the DHSS - and its advisory arm, the Committee on Safety of Medicines.

The action will be decided by a system of 'lead cases'. From them the main issues related to liability and causation will be decided.

When another company, Britain's ICI, found themselves in a similar position with another drug, they promptly set up a scheme to compensate those injured by their drug. But, despite damages awarded in the US courts, despite out of court settlements there, and despite the express wishes of the Appeal Court, and after nearly five years since the drug was withdrawn, Eli Lilly and Dista Products are nowhere near producing satisfactory compensation. Instead, the case has become ever more complicated and costly.

For many it will now be too late - they have died while waiting for justice.

Unfortunately for many of the claimants, the case has become even more difficult to pursue. The problem is this: while most of the claimants are legally-aided, about five hundred are not. Of these, many fall just outside the ambit of the legal aid scheme; often elderly people, who have managed to save a little extra for their twilight years, they find themselves faced with a liability for costs that could be out of all proportion to the compensation they may be due.

They are therefore under pressure to withdraw from the case completely without the merits of their

case even being heard. They are literally denied access to justice for no other reason than that they have provided for their old age.

Why should you care about all this?

First, because there are elderly and in many cases, ill people who are falling between the inadequacy of the legal aid system and the cynicism of the Company without a safety net to catch them. They need our support.

Second, we must make it clear that the behaviour of Eli Lilly is unacceptable.

Third, drug disasters will inevitably happen from time to time. Other companies must be shown that the public will not accept a similar response from them.

You will be pleased to know that a public-spirited citizen has contributed a substantial sum towards the resolution of this affair. Eli Lilly now know they have a fight on their hands but they should also know that we, the public, abhor their behaviour.

Thus, we wish to increase the number of people supporting their case. (In any case, the responsibility of helping these people should not be left to just one man.)

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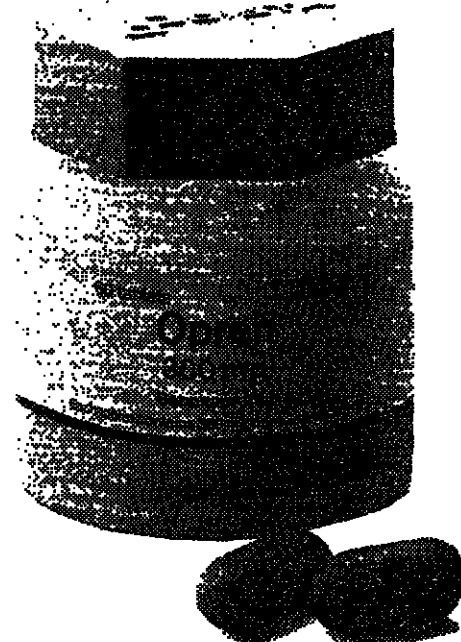
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STILL DRAINING AWAY

When Mrs Thatcher faced her Party conference in October 1979, almost her very first words were to proclaim that she was "the first research chemist to hold this great position." She added: "I hope that where I have led, others may follow."

Eight years ago the scientific community took these words as an encouragement to their work. The election of Britain's first scientifically-trained prime minister was a general boost to the profession. Today many scientists look at her words more literally, as an exhortation to get out of science into some more appreciated, more lucrative business, even into politics.

Earlier this year *The Times* launched a campaign to draw attention to the low priority which Britain accorded the scientific brains needed to secure its industrial future. A number of problems were identified, varying from restrictive practices within universities to lack of imagination by industry. Successive governments had been either too indulgent to unproductive academics or too complacent about how the hidden hand of the market would put matters right. While politicians, businessmen and scientists talked, almost the only thing to rise was the level of distrust and abuse. The decline went on.

Much of the argument centred on that well-worn phrase "the brain drain". Intellectual free-marketers inclined to the view that the international movement of academics was a necessary good. The heads of threatened institutions saw it as both the symptom and the proof of the harm that was being done to Britain by an uncaring government.

The publication yesterday of a survey by the Royal Society on the migration of scientists and engineers to and from Britain provides a welcome opportunity for an improved public debate on the extent and significance of the brain drain, and what should be done about it.

The Royal Society, to its credit, has gone out of its way to avoid fostering the fallacy that the movement of every single scientist abroad constitutes yet another brain loss to Britain. It accepts that all scientific endeavour is essentially international and that without the international exchange of personnel, the international exchange of ideas would be seriously vitiated, with perilous consequences for all science everywhere.

But the Royal Society's report goes a step further. As one of the first of its kind to attempt to quantify both the number of indigenous scientists emigrating from Britain and the number of foreign scientists immigrating to Britain, it has provided a means of assessing the extent to which Britain benefits from the international exchange of personnel.

The survey does not cover all scientific disciplines but the conclusions are clear. Britain is exporting a significant portion of its best scientists and engineers and is not being adequately compensated, either quantitatively or qualitatively, by the number of scientists and engineers coming to work in this country.

Scientists are leaving Britain for better paid, longer-term posts abroad and are less likely to return than was the case a generation ago. Many of those who come to work in Britain do so for shorter periods. Britain, therefore, is running up a deficit on its international account of scientific exchange.

The numbers involved are not large, about two per cent of the total scientific community. But it is the belief of the Royal Society that they represent the cream of our scientific elite — the research leaders of tomorrow — whose loss is out of proportion to their numbers. If this is allowed to continue indefinitely, says the report, it would have "deleterious consequences" for the future of British science and engineering.

The loss of home-grown talent is not a new problem. What is new is the growing global shortage of qualified scientists and engineers and the greater determination of our industrial competitors to attract them from whatever

source. Shorter product life-cycles and flexible manufacturing systems have accelerated the pace of technological change to the point where a nation can be out-innovated in years rather than decades.

There is now an international market for researchers, and if Britain expects to hold onto them, it must compete in that market. This country has to be made a desirable alternative to seeking work abroad.

Few suggest any longer that the Government should be prepared to fund all research in all universities and research establishments all of the time. Some British science is undoubtedly not worth saving. It is the argument for the more efficient use of funds that has to be won. And when it is won, the necessary infusions of new funds, especially in areas designated to be of vital scientific importance, must come too.

The scientific community is slowly adjusting, albeit with some discomfort, to economic reality. It is beginning to appreciate that it can no longer expect an automatic right to government money for research, and that research must be more responsive to the needs of industry.

The recent White Paper on higher education is indicative of the Government's determination to consolidate and institutionalize these trends. The University Grants Committee is to be reconstituted with fewer academics and more businessmen, and the system of grants is to be replaced by a system of contracts between universities and the UGC. Those establishments failing to reach their performance targets will be penalized. Difficult medicine to swallow, perhaps, but necessary to ensure that public funds are used more cost-effectively.

The Government must prove, however, that it has not been merely side-stepping the clamour for increased funding, and that as well as nonchalantly stressing the need for more money from the private sector, it has ideas for making investment in research more attractive to companies. Failures to invest in the technological future should be more clearly visible in company accounts. If shareholders can more easily ask questions, managements will need better answers.

The Royal Society's recommendations for increased longer-term funding for scientific research, an improved career structure for young scientists, and the revival of strategies designed to attract past emigrants back all need to be considered in earnest, and at the highest level.

Instead of merely urging researchers to find additional funds in the private sector, the Government ought to be exploring ways in which it can help them to do so. Hitherto, governments have signally failed to exploit their potential role as a co-ordinator and catalyst for fund-raising. In this area alone, there is much to do for the new ministers who were appointed in the post-election reshuffle.

Now that universities and research establishments are entitled to obtain some of the financial rewards that flow from their own endeavours, the Government should be examining ways in which these establishments could be assisted in forming commercial arms, equipped with the necessary legal and technical expertise needed to protect their discoveries, patent their inventions and market their products.

The Government would initially have to be prepared to provide funds for these commercial arms to employ high calibre staff from the private sector. But eventually they would pay for themselves. The profits made from such enterprise could be divided between the researcher and the department, thereby introducing additional incentives for researchers to gear their work to the needs of industry. At the same time, funds could be generated for new research projects for the future. In years to come the Queen's Speech could be offering the public the opportunity to buy shares in Manchester University PLC.

RIGHT TO STAND FIRM

Britain's isolation at yesterday's summit meeting in Brussels was as complete as at any time since the country joined the European Community 14 years ago. Mrs Thatcher appears to be the only one of the 12 leaders prepared to make a serious effort to secure fundamental reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) before voting new money to pay for its present cost.

The manner of British isolation also had a strong sense of *détente* vu. President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl may not have achieved quite the understanding of President Giscard d'Estaing and Chancellor Schmidt but the agreement they reached over a breakfast croissant yesterday was the key to securing majority acceptance of the Commission's farm package. We have returned, it seems, to the politics of the euro-fix.

Notwithstanding "housewifely" jibes from the French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and a resignation threat from the Commission President Jacques Delors Mrs Thatcher remains right to stand firm on the principle of CAP reform. Mrs Thatcher's European colleagues find her abrasive not just because of her style but because she tells them things they do not want to hear. The same carefully orchestrated criticisms about Britain's lack of commitment to the European ideal were heard when the Prime Minister refused to be budged over the question of Britain's contributions. Eventually she got her way, or something close to it.

Reforming the EEC's farming policies will be even more difficult because they are intimately bound up with the domestic politics of every member state. But because of that a strategy of patient diplomacy is likely to achieve little more than many years' employment for the bureaucrats of Brussels. Being prepared to make oneself unpopular is unfortunately a pre-

condition of progress towards Community reform.

The agreement between France and Germany yesterday over "green currencies" will help to stop prices ratcheting up simply as a result of the system, but it will do nothing to reduce spending on farm support towards the target level of half the budget. Unless the EEC can stop spending on agriculture running ahead of the increase in the Community's own resources the agreement on budget discipline reached at Fontainebleau will be a dead letter.

The same argument for budget discipline applies in the context of the so-called non-obligatory spending on the regional and social funds. The 11 other states have all agreed to spend about \$6 billion of EEC money on scientific research and technological development. Britain alone remains unhappy at this increase in discretionary spending when the basis of Community finances remains so precarious. Limits to non-obligatory spending were set at Fontainebleau and they should be upheld.

This will not be the last battle in what is a long war of attrition. The Brussels summit initially shaped up as a split between North and South in the Community and then by papery over the cracks appeared to isolate Britain as the sole voice for budget discipline.

Mrs Thatcher is right to say that it is too early to agree an increase in the Community's finances by raising the VAT-based contributions from the present 1.4 per cent to 1.6 per cent or beyond as envisaged at Fontainebleau, let alone the longer term proposal for linking contributions to the size of national economies. The EEC must try harder to cut its coat according to its cloth rather than immediately wanting to exchange linen for silk. As the cost of present policies escalates the logic of curbing them will become more pressing. Time may, after all, be on Britain's side.

Needs of young in rural areas

From Mr R. S. Allcock
Sir, In the current debate about youth training, particularly in the light of proposed legislation concerning the withholding of benefits of non-participants, we need to consider much more carefully the training of under-achievers from socially deprived and inadequate backgrounds for whom the old mode B youth training schemes once used to cater.

Such training was mainly carried out by charitable and voluntary organisations, some of whom have been forced to discontinue as the current philosophy of training relates increasingly to that which is industrially and employer-led. Those unattracted to YTS are generally from a growing subculture whom employers, however willing, would be unable to accommodate.

Who will provide for the special needs of these young people and does the Government intend to make adequate provision for their proper supervision and training?

The needs of our inner cities are obvious, but we have an equal concern for the special requirements of rural areas.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. ALLCOCK, Chairman, Programme Review Group, Rural Crafts Youth Training Unit, The Arthur Rank Centre, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. June 25.

Urban decay

From Mrs Winifred Nethercott
Sir, Is "inner cities" to become the new catchphrase? The problems are certainly not new and no political party has any right to feel proud of the living conditions imposed on so many of our citizens. The general squalor in terms of lack of basic amenities, decaying buildings, enhancement of danger by unfit walkways, lifts and stairwells, etc, has escalated over the past few decades under all governments, but has been used as a source of political capital during recent campaigns.

These are humanitarian issues which should be addressed by every administrator of every party at every level both in local and in central government. Yours faithfully,
WINIFRED NETHERCOTT, 128 John Trundle Court, Barbican, EC2. June 18.

Nelson's eyeshade

From Dr W. M. Keynes
Sir, In the letter from Mr Richard Walker (June 20) it was, perhaps, implied that it was Nelson's left eye that had received the blow at the siege of Calvi in 1794. His left eye was, in fact, his "good" eye, and in 1801 on board his flagship *San Josef* in Plymouth Sound he was attended by Thomas Trotter, MD, Physician to the Channel Fleet, for a violent ophthalmia in his only eye.

Trotter prescribed a darkened room and bathing of the eye every hour with cold spring water, and the inflammation was gone in three days. Trotter also recommended that Nelson should have green shades fitted to the brims of his hats to shield both eyes from bright light. It was at that time that Nelson remarked that he "could not well spare another eye".

As he lay dying off Trafalgar on October 21, 1805, Nelson told Captain Hardy: "Don't throw me overboard", adding: "Then, you know what to do". The body was placed in a leaguer (large cask) of brandy to preserve it, and arrived at Spithead on December 5. On December 11, the Surgeon to the Victory, Mr William Beatty (later Sir William Beatty, MD, FRS), performed a post-mortem examination, followed by further embalming for the burial at St Paul's Cathedral on December 21.

It was at the autopsy, rather than during the voyage up-channel and the funeral procession, that A. W. Devis made his oil portrait showing the green eyeshade in the brim of Nelson's hat. Yours faithfully,
WILLO KEYNES, 3 Brunswick Walk, Cambridge. June 22.

At the polling station

From the Rev Barry J. Morrison
Sir, Anthony Kraus (June 19) is right to insist that everything possible should be done to assist the elderly and handicapped to vote in person at elections. However, many of his criticisms of the access to our St Luke's church hall are unfair.

The alternative entrance to the hall, through the church, is wide enough for a wheelchair and has just four shallow steps and two handrails. It was used by many people.

My wife saw the Jewish Blind Society ambulance arrive and offered to help lift a wheelchair up the steps, but was told dismissively that she was not required.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY J. MORRISON, St Luke's Vicarage, 12 Kidderpore Avenue, NW3. June 25.

Monday's letter on the British Library from Lord Dacre and others should have opened: "Now that the Minister for the Arts has been confirmed in office..." and the final sentence should have begun: "It is not too late for the minister to act..."

Money worries on schools horizon

From Mr David Fisher
Sir, In theory the idea of devolution of financial management to schools is attractive. The educational gain in flexibility of resource allocation within the school should outweigh any loss of potential savings through economy of scale which may be available to local education authorities.

The scheme is conceived, however, largely in terms of secondary schools which have the capacity to absorb the additional administrative burdens. As is happening all too often in the current debate about educational reform, circumstances in primary schools — and especially infant schools — are being overlooked.

Primary school heads are often among the best teachers of younger children. They try to sustain a balance between teaching and administration which favours the classroom. Without proper in-school management support they will be forced by devolution to shift that balance. Children will lose the benefit of some valuable teaching and parents could find the open access offered by the better headteachers curtailed.

As it is not national policy to spend on education a proportion of GNP comparable to that in many other countries — nor even apparently to maintain that ungenerous share — it may be questioned whether, as I see it, already inadequate funding would have to be diverted from children's learning to pay for full-time bursars in every infant and junior school.

So this infant school parent-governor finds himself in a dilemma: not wanting to reject a potentially important step forward but unable to commend it in practice. Clearly management systems must be devised which will not nullify the reasons that heads went into teaching in the first place.

While governors may be able to play a small part towards this, the responsibility for managing change (now a major theme in management training) must lie with those who brought forward the idea in the first place.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FISHER, 153 Freshfield Road, Brighton, West Sussex. June 26.

From Mrs Bernadette Kiely
Sir, Whilst interest runs high in the discussion of educational policies and subsequent reforms, I write to give you an example of a little publicized factor in one area of school funding.

At a recent governors' meeting of a small local primary school we were told that the furniture allowance from the local educational

Counting heads

From Sir John Boreham
Sir, On July 1, 1837, the Government of the 18-year-old Queen Victoria set up a national registration service of births, marriages and deaths. In the 150 years since then something like 100 million of us have had ourselves registered three times so that our arrival, civil status and departure have been legally and publicly established.

Only people living in countries lacking it can fully appreciate what such a service is worth: just ask them, if you doubt it.

The original image is Dickensian — pinched clerks at stand-up desks scratching away with quills — but the office has continuously modernised itself. It has extended its functions, too, and now also provides vital statistics, a census every 10 years, a regular stream of social surveys and a central register for the National Health Service. It had its name widened, too, in 1970 from the General Register Office to the Office of

Falkland sovereignty

From Sir Rex Hunt
Sir, In his letter (June 23) Mr Miller reminds us of Churchill's maxim: "In victory, magnanimity" and calls on Britain to act in a statesmanlike manner by proposing a Hong Kong-like transfer of sovereignty. Noble sentiments; but I doubt whether Churchill's magnanimity would have extended to handing back to Germany territory seized by Hitler's armies.

And I doubt whether Churchill would have considered it "statesmanlike" to dismantle our Falkland defences and sign a leaseback agreement with Argentina on the assumption that democracy in that volatile country would flourish unimpeded for the next 50 years. He would more probably have denounced such a proposal as folly and appeasement.

I agree with Mr Miller, however, that a true act of statesmanship is needed. Why not from Señor

Setting a trend

From Mr C. K. M. Barnett
Sir, How marvellous to see Mr Bernie Grant at the state opening of Parliament break the "conservative suit and tie image" of all our male politicians (photograph, June 26). Why can not other "male guardians of liberty" themselves demonstrate greater personal freedom by occasionally wearing something more practical or comfortable, or perhaps something more inspiring. Yours faithfully,
CHRIS BARNETT, Stonebow, Lincoln. June 26.

authority for the year 1987-88 was £70. With a roll of 85 children, soon to rise to 93, a more inadequate sum would be hard to imagine.

Amongst other things, at least 15 new desks are urgently needed and from a figure of less than £1 per child per year can never be bought. Needless to say, educational aids such as a computer, TV, library books and musical instruments, as in many similar schools, all come from the loyal and vigorous parent-teacher association.

Perhaps Mr Baker, in his new "package" for education, could see that children are adequately taught before they begin to be taught.

Yours faithfully,
BERNADETTE KIELY, Boughton House, Boughton, Faversham, Kent.

Exam results

From the Education Officer of the Inner London Education Authority

Sir, Your Education Correspondent, in his report today (late editions, June 26) on the examination statistics released by the ILEA, quite correctly identified the striking differences between the examination results of different ethnic groups. He is, however, wrong to conclude that the figures also demonstrate a sharp decline in the results of all inner London pupils.

The proportions of ILEA fifth-year pupils gaining five or more O-level grades A-C or CSE grade 1 over the past four years are: 10.1 per cent, 10.3 per cent, 10 per cent, 10.1 per cent.

No evidence here of "a sharp decline" in the examination results of all inner London pupils. On the contrary, it shows a record of stability during a period of sustained disruption in schools. Had it not been for that disruption, I am confident that there would have been further advances in achievement in inner London schools.

To make matters worse, your correspondent mistakenly compares the nationally-published results of school leavers in previous years with those of ILEA fifth-years only in 1986. He concludes that the rate of success has gone down. The two statistics, however, should not be compared as those pupils who stay on into the sixth form obviously will have more examination successes to their credit.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM STUBBS, Education Officer, Inner London Education Authority, The County Hall, SE1.

Population Censuses and Surveys. If you want to know anything about the numbers and condition of the people, ask OPCS.

Scarcely a clause of last week's Queen's Speech does not depend, for its effective execution, on information from OPCS. No wonder the Government recently decided that OPCS, broadly as it is, should remain the cornerstone of official and social statistics.

Registration of births, marriages and deaths remains the kernel of the office, all the staff, whichever of the whole range of activities they are engaged in, have a lively awareness of how their bit fits into the whole. May I urge you, Sir, to wish Mrs Banks, the Registrar General, and all her staff many happy returns of the day?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BOREHAM (former Director, Central Statistical Office), Piperscroft, Britains Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. June 27.

Alfonso? It would be too much to expect him to renounce the Argentine claim altogether; but as a firm believer in democracy he would gain in international stature if he would publicly state that, despite our historical dispute over sovereignty, he was now prepared to recognise the democratic right of the present inhabitants of the Falkland Islands to have the government of their choice. Islanders' views could then be freely expressed and independently verified under UN auspices or any other arrangement agreed between our two governments.

Cloud cuckoo land? Perhaps; but there is a precedent. The Shah resolved the Iranian claim to Bahrain in the same way in 1968. This, I submit, is a fairer comparison with the Falklands situation than the Aland Islands solution.

Yours faithfully,
REX HUNT, Old Woodside, Broomfield Park, Sunningdale, Berkshire. June 24.

Weighty words

From Mr David M. Eastman
Sir, Dr Guy Staigh's letter (June 24) has prompted me to tell you that our hamster's unsupervised liberation is curtailed by a hard-back edition of *The Best of James Herriot* (600 grams) placed on the cage lid.

Not quite the alternative medicine of *Black's Medical Dictionary*, but certainly preventive. Yours faithfully,
DAVID EASTMAN, 101 Badshot Park, Badshot Lea, Farnham, Surrey. June 25.

Concern about drinking hours

From the Chairman of the Council of the Magistrates' Association
Sir, Many people, I suspect, will share the concern of the Magistrates' Association at the proposal to extend licensing hours to 12 hours per day (report, June 25).

The question of alcohol misuse is a very important one from the point of view of the magistracy because of the marked association with all types of crime, notably violence against the person.

All the evidence in this country and overseas indicates that the degree of harm resulting from inappropriate drinking is directly proportional to the total consumption in terms of absolute alcohol. Whilst the Magistrates' Association agrees that there is a case for a greater degree of flexibility in licensing hours, the present 9½ hours should not be exceeded and the hours authorised should be clearly displayed outside of licensed premises.

An increase in hours must inevitably lead to greater overhead expenses for the licensee and this will need to be met by increased sales. Accordingly it is to be hoped that HM Government will have occasion to reconsider this proposal which inevitably will lead to an increase in violent crime and damage to health.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS I. ACRES, Chairman of the Council, The Magistrates' Association, 28 Fitzroy Square, W1. June 27.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 1 1924

To judge by this traveller's account, more has changed in Spain in the last 60 years than in Britain, apart from the currency and the English breakfast.

THE TWO TRAVELLERS.

DISCOMFORTS ON BOTH SIDES.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The Englishman travelling in Southern Spain for the first time is certainly up against difficulties at every turn. But does he realize that they are neither more formidable nor less irritating than the trials of the inexperienced Spaniard landed in England?

The Englishman is justly exasperated by the dilatoriness, the unpunctuality, the dirt, the spitting habit, the utter lack of sanitation, the absence of drainage and the presence of fleas, or worse, of diseased beggars, and of the abominable smells that characterize whole provinces. He objects to the scarcity of trains, to their filthy condition, to the bad lighting and general discomfort of the railway journey, that seems to make a practice of beginning before rather than after 7 a.m. Moreover, it is usually prefaced by an annoying wait in a queue at the ticket office, seldom open until a few minutes before the train starts. He resents the primitive lack of comfort in the ordinary hotels, the impossibility of getting his *petit déjeuner* before 8.30 a.m., his dinner before 9 p.m., a hot bath, or his boots cleaned. Nor does he appreciate the very rich cooking served on cold plates by an unshaven and perhaps rather surly waiter with as likely as not a cigarette in his mouth. He righteously takes exception to the badly paved and dirty streets — to the ill-managed traffic, the abominable roads, to the merciless open exhaust of the recklessly driven cars. He is appalled by the cruelty to animals, worried by the carelessness and indifference of *Poste Restante* officials, and highly tried by the drastic extremes of the climate.

But by degrees he learns philosophy. He comes to realize that a "good hotel" merely means an establishment where the cooking is rich and where everything else that we regard as essential is probably considered a foreign and luxurious fad...

PITFALLS FOR THE SPANIARD

Now for the Spaniard. Except in a certain quarter of London his own language is useless to him and French of not much more help. In order to move or live at all he must learn our difficult tongue. To acquire the pronunciation of "cough", "plough", "through", "though", "ought", &c., is an outrageous problem to one whose own language is a model of logical consistency. And then our monetary system! He must struggle with half crowns and florins — coins so deceptively similar in appearance — to pay for the raw spirit that is served with the meagre thin cooking (no oil, no saffron, no garlic) that three times a day is thrust upon one who has been brought up to consider two meals a day ample. Eggs and bacon at 9 a.m. instead of a bunch of grapes or oranges with their stalks and leaves still on them. English "coffee" he does not venture on twice and sadly turns to tea of ferocious strength. After dinner his host hospitably presses on him port — a concoction that he can trace to no single vineyard — cigarettes stiff with nitre, or cigars deprived of their savour by our island climate. And the terrible cost of everything!...

THE ARTS

Hitches aplenty

The remaking of classic cinema films for the small screen is fraught with pitfalls, superfluity being only one. Television drama seems incapable of the virtues of pace and concision so often displayed by the old movies which bulk out the schedules.

Suspicion (ITV) recapitulated Hitchcock's quirky thriller of 1941 diligently and at length. The original wrapped up the story of unabashed caddishness, reactive paranoia and climactic redemption in 99 minutes flat. Allowing for commercial breaks, last night's adaptation by Jonathan Lynn and Barry Levinson was probably less than 10

TELEVISION

minutes longer, but — since the script was virtually the same — those extra minutes were represented by slack.

The story (by no means the most sensible Hitchcock ever filmed) is predicated on the unworried heroine's alternating doubt and reassurance as her husband does everything but prove himself a murderer. Cary Grant got away with it, as ever, through the kind of breezy cheek which suggests limitless energy as well as base unscrupulousness: his boomer really bounded. Anthony Andrews, one of our stodgier leading actors, crunched up his face and slowed down his diction as though trying to give the part "depth". This was disastrous: one simply did not care whether he was capable of evil or not, and Jane Curtin in the Joan Fontaine role appeared to be acting in limbo.

Jonathan Lynn's account of the paradigmatically thick Beaky was a loving re-creation of Nigel Bruce's original duffer, but it was remarkable that he and his co-adaptor — while updating the crucial sums of money involved, as well as the odd neat touch of the broken seat-belt at the climax — had failed to modernize the language. Old bean, indeed. One was left with the impression of having watched a troupe of amateur production for which they could not afford period costume.

Martin Cropper

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Magisterial progression

GALLERIES

Mark Rothko/
Winifred Nicholson/
George Price Boyce
Tate

After years when we have been left in a state of some confusion about what exactly we should be expecting from the Tate Gallery in the way of temporary exhibitions, suddenly this summer there are three simultaneous shows which among them seem to demonstrate perfectly what the gallery ought to be doing. There is a major retrospective of a modern classic, Mark Rothko (until August 31), a charming tribute to a recently deceased British artist ripe for reevaluation, Winifred Nicholson (until August 2), and a scholarly examination of a minor but unreasonably neglected member of the Pre-Raphaelite set, George Price Boyce (until August 16).

As well as important, the Rothko show is magical. And, as usual with magic, it is impossible fully to explain why this is so. Looking at Rothko's magisterial progression from the early, vaguely social-realist works like the subway paintings of the Thirties, through the surrealist squiggles of the early Forties and into colour-field abstraction by the end of the decade, one never finds oneself questioning its inevitability. Nor, once Rothko had settled on the style which was to serve him for the rest of his life (he died in 1970, never quite getting round to implementing his stated intention of returning to representation), is one ever conscious of monotony or a diminution of creative energy.

For one thing, Rothko always avoided the mechanically even application of colour which was the hallmark of Barnett Newman and other Abstract Expressionist contemporaries: every square inch of Rothko's painted surface is alive and highly sensitized. And each canvas seems to approach with fresh excitement the whole question of colours and how to combine them to keep the emotional charge high and the physical eye constantly alert. Rothko himself tended to balk at the label of abstraction, and quite possibly the colours he used had some sort of general symbolic significance for him — to that extent he was indeed an Expressionist — but he skilfully avoided pinning himself down to any



So light and delicate that oil paint is hard to detect: George Price Boyce's *A Girl by a Beech Tree in a Landscape*

system of equivalences. We may suppose that the often darker colours and more subdued contrasts of his later work mirrored his own increasing depression, but that could well be a romantic fallacy: what for one spectator betokens agony for another simply conveys repose and a philosophical calm.

This show is an experience for the senses: soothing for some, profoundly disturbing for others. But then we so seldom give ourselves over entirely to our instincts that, when an artist imperatively calls upon us to do so, we cannot expect it to be a comfortable experience. It may well leave us permanently changed.

It is unlikely that seeing the Winifred Nicholson show will permanently change anyone, but for all that the experience is far from negligible. She is probably best remembered for being the first wife of Ben Nicholson. Their circle during the Twenties is vividly evoked in *A Tribute to Winifred Nicholson*, at the Crane Kalman Gallery until July 4, where we can see a surprising measure of interaction between them and such as Christopher Wood, Ivon Hitchens and Alfred Wallis, in a linked ring of personal friendship and artistic fraternity.

But it is good to have Winifred's own achievement set out separately for us at the Tate. Her great weakness

was a certain lack of concentration: her pictures are inclined to be a bit vague and uncoordinated, as though never completely thought through. On the other hand, they have the advantage of their disadvantage: they are constantly fresh and immediate, and sublimely unconscious. The abstracts which she intermittently produced and seldom exhibited do not show her at her best, but when she is on home territory, as in the many paintings of vases of flowers on windowsills with a landscape beyond, or in the loving portraits of her own and other people's family life, she has a quite unique charm and sensitivity. And she did keep on developing: the works derived from her last painting trip to Eigg, undertaken when she was 86, are among the liveliest, instancing in many cases her new-found interest in effects of prismatic colour. Not a great artist by any means, but an accomplished minor artist it is always a pleasure to know.

He same might be said about George Price Boyce. For long he seemed fated to be remembered solely as a lively diarist (all that survives of his diary was published in 1941) and friend of Rossetti and others far more important than himself. In our own decade he has been denounced by a feminist art critic as "essentially a libertine", entirely on account, it seems, of his susceptibility,

romantic rather than starkly sexual, to the charms of various "stunners" who floated in and out of the Pre-Raphaelite ambience. In his own day he suffered merely from not being taken seriously enough because he had private means. But the interesting display curated by Christopher Newall and Judy Egerton at the Tate shows him to have been a perfectly serious artist, with his own decidedly original gifts.

Boyce painted almost entirely in watercolour, the medium of all except one of the 63 works here displayed. (Incidentally, it is very difficult to detect the solitary oil painting, *A Girl by a Beech Tree in a Landscape*, unless forewarned, so light and delicate is its technique.) The main definable Pre-Raphaelite element is an evident unwillingness to compromise the realities of the situation in front of his easel: he regularly avoided the conventional viewpoint and took infectious pleasure in the minute rendering of everyday details beneath the notice of more grandiose observers. He also possessed remarkable skill in rendering strange half-lights and surfaces observed *contre-jour*, as in his haunting *Church and Ancient Uninhabited House at Ludlow*. A small talent, but true and distinctive. And, if the Tate did not draw it to our notice, where else would we be able to look?

John Russell Taylor

THEATRE

The Perfect Party
Greenwich

The scene is the book-lined study of Tony, university teacher turned professional party-giver, who is outlining his ambitious plans for the evening's event to a lady critic. Enter his wife, who hates the whole business, but gives the New York visitor a limp handshake in the hope that "you won't put us down". "Not unless you hurt, confuse or bore me, Sally", replies the voluptuous pundit with a charming smile.

There speaks the voice of A.R. Gurney, gentle scourge of the WASP bourgeoisie and one of the few artists in high comedy ever to grace the American stage. Gurney's plays are blandly detached examinations of a blandly detached social group. Their plots are slight, their conflict minimal; but they cast a rare comic spell through a perfectly calculated exaggeration of commonplace absurdities.

With this piece the exaggeration includes even as well as dialogue. Not only do the characters express every thought that comes into their heads — translated into the formality of a *New York Times* leader; there is also the matter of the party itself. This is no little suburban thrash, but a get-together for the whole national spectrum. Lois, the critic, takes one look at the guest-list and decides to splash it as a "microcosm of

Love on the
Plastic
Half Moon

The moral desolation of credit-card sex in a Mayfair girls' club, the subject of Julia Schofield's new play, needs something to set it off. Ellen Cairns makes a brave attempt, with ornate tables and a striking arrangement of shattered rococo mirrors, to make the Half Moon look sumptuous, but it somehow comes out more like Soho than Park Lane. In this setting it is difficult to imagine hard-nosed punters shelling out £80 for one bottle of champagne, let alone £320 for four.

It is the same story with the characters. From Glen Waldorf's glamorous 50-year-old madame ("Dotty by name only, and a nice nature") to Nicky Croydon's desperately embittered, shrill-voiced Scottish waitress, they are presented like oven-ready dishes: it is all there on a plate, and there is little room for the culinary art of character-revelations à la Chekhov.

Michael Elwyn and Nicho-

America in the waning years of the 20th century".

Gurney uses the idea of the perfect party to satirize a gallery of fine old American targets, from the power of the critic and the success-drive to the impulse to impose solutions on other parts of the world. Another playwright would have left this implied in the narrative. Gurney's way is to give his characters access to its various meanings and embark on the kind of discussion that is usually left to the spectator. Much of the comedy thus arises from the running commentary on the events: as where two neighbours are press-ganged into representing the Jewish community; or where Lois delivers her snap verdict on the evening, materializing through a television screen.

The only problem is the party itself. Gurney has great sport leading up to it and clearing up the debris. But for the actual event he only has five characters and no trace of Ayckbourn's ingenuity with off-stage parties. Manifestly, the interest for him is allegorical rather than actual; and when the party does arrive the play becomes short-winded, coarse and confused.

Alan Strachan's company, playing inside a white clapboard proscenium, sustain the deodorized smiles and middle-aged agility from the world of breakfast-food commercials. They are all in tune with Gurney's style, which really heats up in the sparring matches between Martin Jarvis and Rosalind Ayres.

Irving Wardle

las Day are fine as the two painters ("Minor public school, wants to get as drunk as possible and then be as sick as possible"), one of the waitresses comments; the former, a born killjoy, gets more and more pinched about the mouth as he reads the outrageous price list; the latter is determined to have a good time until the photograph of his wife and kids one of the girls pulls out reminds him of how much he is betraying for how little.

These two sympathetic performances hint at the possibility that the men in these places are also as much victims as the women — something which the play's didactic thrust would seem to deny. The best acting of the evening, though, comes from Shobe Shodeinde as the beautiful but uncommunicative black escort Jennifer: the flashback scene in which she re-enacts the beginning of hate, loss of identity and self-mutilation has a resonance and intensity which the evening as a whole does not sustain.

Harry Eyres

OPERA

La traviata
Glyndebourne

It would not be true to say that Sian Edwards had lighted new fires in Glyndebourne's *Traviata* or rekindled that in Violetta's breast: Heaven forbid, for on a punishingly hot evening Peter Hall's focus on flame, physical and emotional, seemed for once just a little hard to take.

What she did, in her début in the pit, was to enable the orchestra to follow faithfully and securely the ground-plan of her predecessor, Bernard Haitink, and at the same time set out her own distinctive markings for these last three performances. Edwards is a conductor of lucid, lightly worn authority. She finds no need, in either the prelude or the love duet, to fill the sails of

the score prematurely; plunging refused to billow; dynamic levels were as muted as the ubiquitous candlelight. Line, accent and inflection, though, are drawn with sharp certainty.

Paul Griffiths's first-night wish that Marie McLaughlin's Violetta and Walter Macneil's Alfredo would eventually find their proper scale in the production and in the house has been granted: Edwards played no small part in it all. Her reading of the score is so subtly paced and proportioned; some members of the audience may find it just too subtle, too circumspect. But she knows exactly where to touch Verdi's nerve-endings. Woodwind soloists cling to the human voice as the voices now hug Verdi's line, and notably in the confrontation between Violetta and Germont — every accompanying note provides supple, springing subtext.

Hilary Finch

Boris Godunov
Barbican

Over the years the Chelsea Opera Group has brought to attention many an unjustly neglected opera. *Boris Godunov* is not such a work, and it was hard to see a *raison d'être* behind this concert performance, conducted by Nicholas Braithwaite. Perhaps it was simply a piece of deserved self-indulgence on the part of the group's singers and players; after all, they partake for the sheer love of it.

In any case, even without staging, this was a committed and compelling reading, garished not only with lusty enthusiasm but with an expertise from orchestra and chorus that conceded little to fully fledged professionals, and with Braithwaite ganging the scale of the big set pieces convincingly. The text was based upon David Lloyd Jones's edition, though we were not given anything of Act III, and elsewhere Musorgsky's first and second thoughts were combined. The Prologue and Act I, for instance, were taken from his earlier version, Act II was heard in its later, longer

manifestation, and Act IV began with the moving Prologue, where Boris meets the Samoilovs, which Musorgsky eventually jettisoned.

First among the cast of soloists, most borrowed for the night from English National Opera, was Richard, the Allan's powerful Boris, a towering, tortured figure, noble and deliberate in gesture even at his death. Concomitantly at his side, Alexander Olsh's Shuisky was the sign of serpents, waiting patiently to pounce on his prey, while Graeme Matheson-Bruce's portrayal of the character of the Pretender Grigory moved cleverly from innocence to ambition. Nuala Willis's two roles, the Hostess and the Nurse, let in a few chinks of light with her appealing fishwife's tattle.

But it is the character of the Samoilovs, ultimately the most farsighted figure in the opera, that leaves the most haunting impressions. Adrian Thompson's well-directed tenor, a voice — and still a young one — of soaring purity, proved the perfect vehicle in his tragic lament for a nation.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Women and sport: if it's only a game, why does the love of it sometimes lead to disillusionment, anger and even suicide?

Stumped by sexism

In theory, Teresa McLean could umpire a cricket Test match. But, she tells Sally Brompton, the attitude of male cricketers has killed that dream

Teresa McLean has only ever had one ambition — to umpire a cricket Test match. But now she has changed her mind — and one of the reasons why she will not be on the Headingley pitch for the beginning of the third Test tomorrow is because women have yet to achieve that milestone in sexual equality.

Having experienced the rigours of umpiring several men's league matches on the East Anglian circuit — which is quite up to Test standard but almost as cut-throat — she has decided to hang up her white coat. "Men just don't like women umpires," she declares. "They really do prefer to be given out by a man. When a woman gives them out, they fume, they walk up and down, they get very cross indeed."

She will never forget the "particularly unpleasant little man" who, despite being run out by a good fielder, refused to go. It made her realize that umpiring was "one of the most unpleasant jobs in the world".

It did not, however, in any way dampen her love for the game, nor prevent her from writing what is thought to be the first book about the history of cricket umpires. The research, which took her back to the early 17th century, turned out to be more fun than she had expected. "There have always been a awful lot of eccentrics in cricket," she says.

What did surprise her was how bloodythirsty the sport of gentlemen seemed to be. "It was almost open war," she says. "Umpiring as well. There are lots of accounts of umpires being beaten to pulp." In 1788, for example, a "Lancaster-based" Coventry, the local paper reported a scene of bloodshed so severely to be credited in a country so entirely distinguished for its civility.

A keen cricketer herself, the first woman to get a cricket ball from both

Oxford and Cambridge, 36-year-old McLean restricts her umpiring these days to women's matches which are far less traumatic — "maybe because it's considered a less serious thing for a woman. They do play it much more cheerfully."

Her own life has been something of a kaleidoscope, a haphazard mixture of fate and impulse. The second of three children, brought up in Surrey by a father who combined being a barrister with working on a building site, and a mother "who went to the races all the time", she became intrigued by cricket after seeing her first Test match on television at the age of 10.

Even so, it was not until she went up to Oxford to read history that McLean decided to "have a go" herself. She refused to take any credit for the fact that she was swiftly included in the first team — "the standard was so pathetic". Nonetheless, her fondest memories of Oxford are of the cricket and the proudest achievement of her life was taking eight for 45 against Cambridge, and being elected captain on the spot. "I lived off that moment for a long time," she recalls.

After graduating, she went to Bombay for six months to work with Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity, an experience which overwhelmed her — "I wasn't really prepared for that sort of misery" — and left her with a particularly virulent form of diabetes which means that she has to inject herself with insulin three times a day.

She came back and taught history at Cheltenham. "I only went there because they played cricket, and they gave it up the day I arrived." After three years of teaching she decided that it was time for another change, so she went up to Cambridge to read medieval history. "The standard of women's cricket at Cambridge was



Woman in white: Teresa McLean umpiring a match at Jesus College, Cambridge

better than at Oxford, but it was still pathetic."

It was while she was teaching at a high school in Oxford that she began taking evening classes in umpiring, the only woman in her class of 30 to take the toughest examination which would qualify her to umpire any level of match, right up to Test match standard. "I thought, if I was going to be an umpire, it would be nice to be a proper, first-class one," she explains. She got 80 per cent in the exam.

These days, cricket takes a bit of a back seat in her life as wife, mother and author. She lives in a tall terraced house in Cambridge with her history-old son, Peter, and three grown-up step-children. "I'd much rather Peter became a good cricketer than made lots of money," she says. She still plays occasionally and prefers bowling: she says that "it's a bit of a tonker as a batsman — I either get bowled or I get 40 runs."

She feels that the lot of an umpire is

not a happy one, what with all the aggression and abuse that gets directed against them and never being able to indulge in the post-match jollities for fear of being accused of being partisan.

Women umpires, she believes, need to be even stronger, calmer and more thick-skinned than men. "You have to have a awful lot of energy to think it's worthwhile." She would love to see a woman umpire a Test match one day — "As long as it's not me" — but is not hopeful. "If more girls' schools taught the game, women's cricket would become less of a joke."

In the meantime, she is content to watch the Tests on television and flick through cricket magazines — rather as one does with recipe books.

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The Men in White Costs by Teresa McLean is published tomorrow (Stanley Paul £10.95).

Burn-out at the top

Karen Stabiner on the teenaged tennis stars who were has-beens by their twenties

The closest Tracy Austin, once rated the second-best tennis player in the world, has got to Wimbledon's Centre Court this year is the commentator's booth. Andrea Jaeger, ranked third in the world in 1982 and 1983, still competes on the circuit, but was not in the Wimbledon main draw.

They experienced the same spectacular success as this year's champions — 18-year-old Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini, 17, meet in the quarter-finals today — but each fell victim to physical or mental burn-out before she was 20. Burn-out can strike any player, but American players seem to be particularly susceptible. In addition to the physical demands of the game, they face demands from the sport's popularity — the agents, coaches, sporting goods manufacturers and corporate sponsors.

Austin and Jaeger established a precedent before their fall from grace. The young player on the rise, what one agent calls "the next superstar", is a more marketable commodity than some top established players. With about £10 million in prize money at stake and the chance to quadruple one's earnings with lucrative endorsement contracts, no one wants to be left behind.

So girls in America start to play at four, compete at seven, and hope they will be recruited by a sports agency before they are 16. There is little time to worry about the consequences.

It doesn't take much, though, to end a career. Austin's downfall was purely physical. In 1979 — two years after becoming, at 14, the youngest player to compete at Wimbledon — she turned professional. A year later the sciatic nerve in her back caused problems for the first time. That was the last full season that she played, as her injury led to shoulder and leg problems.

Jaeger's descent began with physical complaints, but her

fears about admitting that she was in pain eventually took a mental toll as well, earning her a reputation as the distant John McEnroe — petulant, unpredictable, and, in one incident in Los Angeles, possibly physically abusive to a doubles opponent who accused Jaeger of "shoving" after a match.

"I played so long injured it looked like I was tanking [deliberately losing] matches,"



Shooting star: Tracy Austin

she says. "But people don't know how much sleep I've lost over that shoulder, how upset I am. They just look at me and say, 'Oh, mental burn-out.'"

By 1984, Jaeger's injuries forced her to take a break. She has played intermittently since then, but has never regained her top-five form.

Burn-out can sneak up on a player before she even has the chance to prove herself on the pro circuit. Lori Kosten was a top player in the 12-and-under age division in the 1970s. But she fought bouts of anxiety and stress-related illnesses, and was so miserable that she quit the sport in the middle of her 18-and-under season, in 1980.

Her friend Jennifer Amund did not escape so easily.

When her 18-and-under ranking began to slip, she became obsessed with her weight. She suffered from anorexia nervosa, tried suicide twice — and, the third time, succeeded. She was 18.

At the 1983 US Open, Arthur Ashe appraised the relative pressures on American boys and girls: "The men, if they are really good, never finish college," he said. "And the women, if they are really good, never finish high school."

Certainly, there are young players who have the stamina to break through. Americans Kathy Rinaldi, the youngest girl ever to turn pro (at 14), and Kathy Horvath have both made steady progress. Steffi Graf's father has attempted to relieve the pressure on his brilliant daughter by insisting that she take a break from competition between late November and mid-January each year.

And there are other parents who, aware that even a slight indication of burn-out — recurring mid-match nerves, or mild physical problems — could adversely affect a player's performance, have started to protect their daughters. A parent who insists that a girl complete her high school education and limits the tournament schedule may not be very popular, but more and more of them are beginning to lay down the law.

The Women's Tennis Association has issued guidelines on the number of tournaments a young girl can play, and the minimum age for turning pro, but one agent criticized the restrictions as weak, and written with an eye to maintaining the sport's profitability.

The only defence against burn-out, it appears, is a parent's intervention. Time will tell if they are right — and time, and patience, have always been in short supply on the pro tennis circuit.

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Scottish success

One field of the arts in which the scales are finally tipped in favour of women is textile design: they number 88 out of the 102 talented Scottish art school graduates whose work has been selected for the Scottish Two exhibition; many have already taken up careers with the major fabric and fashion houses. Patricia Berry, of the Scottish Textile Centre, feels, however, "that it still reflects the bias in many schools to push boys into sciences and girls into arts". The innovative designs for prints, weaves and knits — selected by a panel which included the fashion designer Alistair Blair and Stephanie Turner, presenter of *Freaks On The Box* — can be viewed at the Victoria & Albert Suite, Kensington Exhibition Centre, London W8 until tomorrow and then in the windows of London's Scotch House, Arnots Department store in Dundee. Who's Who, 491 Union Street, Aberdeen, Mc-Kays Gents, Coatfitters in Galashiels and Ichi Ni San,

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Candleriggs, Glasgow. There is barely a blanket or tartan design among them.

Book for boys

Author Sonya Mills isn't the only woman to have discovered that, in 1987, there are still men who don't know how to use a vacuum cleaner or boil a potato, let alone mend a hem. But she is the first to take action, letting them into the secrets of domestic survival, from how to choose an unkillable houseplant to the art of dusting, with her handbook *Bachelor's Buttons* (£3.95). She hopes it will prevent the tales of everyday catastrophe encountered in its compilation, such as the story of a chap who tried to reheat a plastic bowl of pudding in the oven and found it welded to the metal shelf. She expects the book's price market to be "those unfortunate men whose mothers, wives or

girlfriends had always done everything for them. Hopefully, it will liberate any subsequent women in their lives from sewing, cooking, defrosting and carrying out running repairs. From now on, the excuse 'but I don't know how' just won't wash."

Tuned for a turn

If Women In Music have their way, there will soon be female counterparts to Mozart, André Previn and even Joe Loss. "The profession's full of dinosaurs," explains Nicola LeFanu, the group's founder, whose opera, commissioned by Radio 3, will be transmitted this autumn. "We simply aim to raise their consciousness enough to give women a chance to compose, conduct or run an orchestra." Next Tuesday's follow-up to Women In Music's debut, a classical concert earlier this year, will be an impressive rock lineup at the Hackney Empire, including Sade, Shaz and Girlschool. Tickets are £5-7 from the Empire, 291 Mare Street, London E8 (01-985 2424).

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Imelda Marcos

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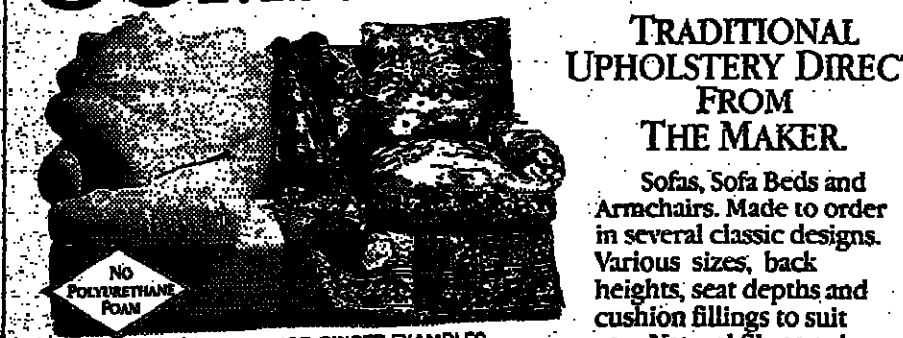
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12.30 **Mavis Nicholson** talks to cellist Paul Tortelier and his wife, Maud. (First shown on Channel 4)
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1.30 **A Country Practice**. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian community. 2.30 **Take Six**. A quiz. The fourth course and Pierre Koffmann of *La Tante Claire* in London prepares the perfect steak.
3.00 **Take the High Road**. The identity of the author of the poems *Beaumont Newhall* and *John Galsworthy* is revealed. 3.25 **Thames news headlines**. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters**.
4.00 **Creepy Crawlies**. The story of *The Stone Drains* and *The Cat*. (r) 4.20 **Video & Chips**. This week, an investigation into 3-D. 4.35 **How Dare You**. Slapstick comedy. 4.45 **Hold Tight!** Pop music and a serial. The first of a new series.
5.15 **Whose Baby?** Henry Cooper, Bertie Reading, and Kenneth Williams try to discover the identity of the famous parent or parents of a succession of toddlers.
5.45 **News with Alastair Stewart**. 6.00 **Thames news**.
6.25 **Help! Vv** Taylor Gee with news for black families wishing to adopt a child.
6.35 **Crossroads**.
7.00 **Where There's Life**. Miriam Stoppard meets a group of women from the United States who help victims of rape or sexual assault.
7.30 **Coronation Street**. Gail is still trying to locate her missing son. (Oracle)
8.00 **Home James!** The first of a new comedy-drama series starring Jim Davidson.
8.30 **Frankling**. Angela Thorne stars as the hard-pressed British Consul General in a Latin-American banana republic. (Oracle)
9.00 **Midweek Sport Special**. World Championship boxing from the Royal Albert Hall. Britain's Terry Marsh defends his lightweight title against Aki Kameda of Japan.
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 **Witness: On the Margin**. Jonathan Dimbleby presents an outside broadcast from the most deprived area of Nottingham.
11.30 **Film: The Grit** (1969) starring John Wayne as Marshal 'Rooster' Cogburn, who is hired by a young woman to track down the man who killed her father after he escaped into Indian territory. Directed by Henry Hathaway.
2.00 **News headlines** followed by *Film: Countess Dracula* (1970) starring Ingrid Pitt. The story of an aged countess who preserves her youth by bathing in maidens' blood. Directed by Peter Sasdy.
3.40 **Five Years On**. Clips from 1937 newsreels. Ends at 4.00.

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- 2.20 **Their Landlady's House**. (r)
2.35 **Film: Secret People** (b/w) (1951) starring Valentina Cortese and Audrey Hepburn. Political drama about two sisters, refugees in London, who become involved in an assassination attempt on a visiting dictator. Directed by Thorold Dickinson.
4.20 **The Island**. A Russian-made, award-winning animated comedy film. (r)
4.30 **Countdown**. The 13th competition begins and the first challengers are Cathy Powell from Aylesbury, and Peter McDermott of Weymouth.
5.00 **Ben Frie**. A series, set in the African bush, based on the story of the lives of George and Joy Adamson and the lioness, Elsa. This week, Elsa's life is put in danger by the viciousness of the lioness's shadow. Starring Michael York and Sigrid Thornton. (Oracle)
10.50 **Island 25**. The second of three programmes celebrating Island Records' first quarter.
12.10 **Their Landlady's House**. Ends at 12.40.

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- 6.00 **Coolfax AM**.
6.30 **The Pink Panther Show**. Three cartoons. (r) 6.45 **Weather**.
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman, and Pamela Anderson. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 8.55 **Regional news and weather**.
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8.00 **Coolfax**.
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1.30 **News and weather**.
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3.55 **Design Classics**. This fast programme in the six-part series focuses on the celebrated Levi 501 jeans, designed by a tailor in Reno, Nevada, for a miner, and then patented by the Levi Strauss Company in 1873. (First shown on BBC West)
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Island of sleepy talk

CHOICE

Channel 4 continues its celebration of the 25th anniversary of the independent record label, Island Records, with *Still Touching the Soul* (10.50pm). It is presented by the disc jockey Paul Gambaccini, who engages in lengthy conversation with Island's founder, Chris Blackwell. They talk in Jamaica where the enterprise started before moving to London and conquering the world. To call it an interview would be stretching the truth. Perhaps the unbroken sunshine and lapping waters of the Caribbean made both men soporific. At any rate, what happens is that Gambaccini offers up mainly innocuous comments to which Blackwell grunts his approval. This is an exchange on the late Bob Marley, Island's brightest star. Gambaccini: "Do you miss him as much as everyone else?" Blackwell: "Certainly as much as everyone else. Probably more than most." Much of the interchange is similarly unenlightening. The ample compensation is that the talk

Chris Blackwell, the man behind Island Records: *Island 25, Still Touching the Soul* (Channel 4, 10.50pm)

is frequently interrupted with film (some of it said to be rare, but archive film is always said to be rare) of those who have graced the Island label. And a diverse bunch they are, from little 15-year-old Millie and her Lollop through to this year's British number one band, U2. Along the way have been Marley, Jimmy Cliff, Steve Winwood, Jethro Tull, Fairport Convention, Roxy Music and, just about to make her comeback, there is Mariann Faithfull. At the very end Blackwell is asked why he has never sold Island to one of the bigger labels. He says: "I am not really in the money business". It is one of his few revealing remarks.

Peter Waymark

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

 FT 30 Share
 1782.6 (-2.0)

 FT-SE 100
 2284.1 (-5.2)

 Bargains
 43542 (44328)

 USM (Datastream)
 199.39 (+2.6)

THE POUND

 US dollar
 1.6125 (+0.0105)

 W German mark
 2.9428 (+0.0135)

 Trade-weighted
 72.3 (+0.5)

Illingworth ready for growth

Illingworth, Morris, the Bradford specialist textile manufacturer, is financially strong enough to make cash acquisitions this year, Mr Alan Lewis, chairman, said yesterday.

The group is a net lender of £2.3 million to the money market, having cut out all borrowings, and has facilities of up to £40 million. Illingworth pretax profits of £7.72 million for the year ended March, compared with £6.18 million, on a turnover from its continuing operations which was slightly lower at £85.2 million (£85.6 million).

The final dividend of 2.75p a share makes an annual distribution of 4p (3.5p).

TVS up 68%

Television South, the independent contractor, raised pretax profits by 68 per cent to £10.9 million in the first half of this year. Turnover rose by 18 per cent to £76.2 million. The interim dividend goes up by 17 per cent to 3.5p a share.

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WCRS soars

Pretax profits of WCRS Group, the marketing and communications business, soared by 28 per cent to £10.1 million in the year to the end of April. Turnover jumped from £56.1 million to £58.6 million. A final dividend of 4.4p is declared, making a total of 6.25p.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2428.50 (-20.41)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	24176.40 (-339.01)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	3178.19 (+26.21)
Amsterdam	Gen	308.8 (+0.2)
Sydney	AO	1765.8 (+3.9)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1873.1 (-19.1)
Brussels	General	4788.8 (-13.2)
Paris	CAC	404.6 (+8.1)
Zurich	SKA Gen	538.80 (+1.70)
London	FT-A	n/a
FT-GIBS		90.40 (-0.08)

 Recent issues
 Closing prices

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

BSE	742p (+25p)
Courtaulds	487p (+10p)
Expamet Int	257p (+21p)
Flintington Bros	957p (+25p)
Vibromat	110p (+40p)
VSEL Consortium	548p (+10p)
Cardo Eng	883p (+10p)
Bodgrove	430p (+55p)
Lockhart Metal	435p (+15p)
Lockhart	186p (+20p)
J England	815p (+10p)
West Jones	230p (+10p)
AG Stanley	163p (+14p)
Bullers	71p (+18p)
Wellcome	450p (+25p)
Blue Arrow	795p (+25p)

 FALLS:
 Fluor 387p (-10p)
 Mercury Int 447p (-5p)
 LPA Holdings 73p (-5p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	9%
3-month interbank	9.5-9.75%
3-month eligible bills	9.75-10%
US Prime Rate	8.75%
Federal Funds	6.75%
3-month Treasury Bills	5.75-5.875%
30-year bonds	10.25-10.375%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
£ \$1.6125	£ \$1.6135
£ DM2.9428	£ DM1.8250
£ Sfr2.4421	£ Sfr1.5155
£ FF9.8201	£ FF6.0815
£ Yen238.72	£ Yen146.75
£ Index72.3	£ Index102.3
ECU £0.70428	SDR £0.78857

GOLD

London Fixing	AM \$447.10 PM \$447.30
Close	\$446.50-\$447.00 (\$277.00-\$277.50)
Comex	\$447.40-\$447.90

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) pm	\$19.05/bbl (\$19.20)
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Cash pile reaches £1.73bn in 'exceptionally difficult year'

GEC's profits fall to £668m

By Colin Campbell

The General Electric Company (GEC), as famous for its billion-pound cash pile as it is for its household brand names, yesterday reported its second annual profits setback in a row.

Pretax profits in the year ended March fell from £701 million to £668 million on a turnover broadly unchanged at £5.25 billion, after what the chairman, Mr James Prior, described "an exceptionally difficult year for GEC and for many of the business sectors in which it operates".

But there was some market satisfaction that the final dividend is raised from 2.9p to 3.8p a share to make 5.3p (4.3p) for the year, and in reaction to the hint by Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, that there could be significant developments in the pipeline and a management restructuring, the shares rose by 5 1/2p to 247p.

GEC was obliged to write off £24 million against results because of losses associated with the cancelled Nimrod contract, and profits from the

sale of equities was sharply lower - down from £34.4 million to £4.4 million.

GEC's net cash and short-term investments stood at £1.73 billion at March 31, compared with £1.527 billion a year earlier. In reply to questions about where the

cash pile was going this year, Lord Weinstock said if GEC continued to make money there was no reason why the pile should not go up.

GEC, anxious to grow in international markets by acquisition, joint ventures and other forms of collaboration, hinted yesterday it was considering a "heavy investment" in a joint venture. Such a venture could mean a brake on the group's expected profits growth in the short term. However, in the longer term it would bring home some substantial rewards, Lord Weinstock said.

As yet, nothing has been signed, though GEC is expected to make an announce-

ment within three or four weeks.

Profits from the group's dominant electronic systems and components division eased from £206 million to £198 million last year, and there was an £8 million profits fall from power-generation activities. Profits from telecommunications and business systems were £10 million higher at £94 million.

GEC last year committed £700 million towards research and development, of which £470 million was customer-funded and £230 million charged directly against profits.

Lord Weinstock said GEC's management structure was being reorganized and tighter divisional structures were to be established.

Lord Weinstock said: "Of course we have tolerated inefficiencies. One has to make the best of the talent one has at one's disposal."

An announcement about a US defence contract is expected shortly.

Mercury Int cash call for £131m

By Carol Ferguson

Mercury International, the investment banking and financial services group, has joined the post-election scramble to raise new capital and is asking its shareholders for £131 million.

Sir David Scholey, the chairman, said the money was needed to enable the group to take up a range of options for expansion, both in the home market and overseas.

In addition to trading US government securities in New York and operating as a full member of the stock exchange in Tokyo, the group is planning a Canadian subsidiary and membership of the Toronto stock exchange. It will also need to expand its information systems.

"We need to be in a position to take up opportunities when they occur," Sir David said yesterday. "This expansion requires more capital and we consider that the present time is right to increase our equity base."

Mercury also revealed preliminary pretax profits of £98 million for the first full year of operations since it merged with Ackroyd & Smithers, the jobber, and the two stock-

broking firms, Mullens & Co and Rowe & Pitman, in April 1986. This is 7 per cent ahead of a pro forma £91.8 million which it would have made if the merger had been effective for the preceding year.

The market was generally pleased with the results, which covered the "difficult transitional period before October 27," the date of Big Bang, and the following five months during which commissions were reduced but turnover substantially increased.

The dividend for the year is 10p. The shares closed 7p down on the day at 446p. The terms of the rights issue are one-for-five at 385p.

Mercury Asset Management, of which Mercury International owns 75 per cent, saw pretax profits jump from £14.1 million to £22.8 million. Total funds under management increased 61 per cent from £13 billion to £21 billion, largely due to rising markets. A total of 50 new pension fund clients were added in the course of the year. New clients added about £1.5 billion of assets under management.

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CH Beazer in £50m placing

By Our City Editor

CH Beazer, the construction and housebuilding group, is reducing borrowings through a placing of preference shares to raise £50 million. The issue will trim balance sheet debt to £150 million. "Our gearing will be reduced from roughly a half to a third," said Mr Matthew Thorpe, finance director.

Together with an issue of shares in the US through American Depository Receipts, yesterday's exercise brings the total of funds raised recently to £90 million. Earlier this year, Beazer's plan for an £80 million ADR issue was scaled down after strong opposition from institutional investors, on the grounds that it would dilute the interests of existing shareholders.

The proposed preference share issue is subject to approval at a meeting of shareholders planned for July 23. The new shares will be offered in partly paid form, with an initial payment of 30p due on July 24 and a further 70p payable in October. The coupon has not yet been fixed but is expected to be about 8 1/2 per cent.

Japanese demand helps boost dollar

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Japanese investors returned to the US bond market in a big way last month, explaining the strength of the dollar during a period when weakness had been expected.

Reports in Tokyo estimated that Japanese purchases of US Treasury bonds in June totalled \$11 billion (£6.8 billion), matching the record established in April last year.

The dollar was helped yesterday by the reports, in the Japanese financial newspaper *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, and by the US leading indicators for May, which showed a 0.7 per cent increase.

This followed rises of 0.9 per cent in March and 0.2 per cent in April, a sharp upward revision from an initial estimate of a fall. US factory orders were unchanged in May.

But the dollar was hit later by an apparent exertion of pressure on the Federal Reserve Board by the Administration.

Both Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the Commerce Secretary, and Dr Beryl Sprinkel, the chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, said that a tightening of US money-

Channel Tunnel work on target, report brokers

By John Bell, City Editor

A progress report prepared for backers of the £4.6 billion Channel Tunnel project expresses confidence that the construction work will be completed on time and on budget. The report, which is being presented to the shareholders today, says that further boreholes sunk since last summer have confirmed the geology as favourable and that the technology for the tunnel is proven.

Scrimgeour Vickers and County Natwest Securities, the stockbrokers who have compiled the report, say that they expect fresh forecasts for cross-Channel traffic to lead to higher expected growth rates. These forecasts should result in higher revenues than were forecast at the time of last autumn's £206 million fundraising which met with lukewarm response from City investors.

Scrimgeour and County, who are advisers to Eurotunnel, the Anglo French company developing the tunnel, confirm their earlier positive conclusions on Eurotunnel shares. "This prospect will clearly be enhanced by the revised traffic forecasts," says the new report.

The report cites actual figures for traffic through the port of Dover last year and points out that the 1986 growth rates for all classes of traffic were higher than those assumed in the Eurotunnel projections.

The stockbrokers highlight the recent usage contract agreed with British Rail and SNCF, the French state railway group, as a significant event. "Eurotunnel can now depend on a minimum significant level of cashflow for the first 12 years of operation, which is longer than the anticipated payback period for the initial project loans. This obviously strengthens very considerably the robustness of the tunnel from a financiers' point of view and we believe that it will facilitate the underwriting of the balance of the project loans," adds the report.

Scrimgeour and County also stresses the significance of an agreement with the main contractors to provide a package of £250 million performance bonds. "This guarantees the performance of the 10 contractors and represents an insurance policy for equity shareholders in the improbable event of default by the contractors. The bonds are the largest raised for a UK project and are another indication of the growing confidence of the banking community in the tunnel."

The report details a number of criticisms made of the project, in particular the possibility of late completion which would affect the returns to investors. It quotes a NEDO survey of 25 major construction contracts completed since 1981. Just one was materially late, by five months but was within its budgetary limits. "The ability of the UK construction industry in the new industrial relations environment of the 1980s to deliver main projects on or ahead of time and within budget is also proven though perhaps not yet widely recognized," says the report.

Packer raises Hill Samuel stake

By Ray Heath

A shuffling of the blocks of shares in Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, held by Antipodean businessmen yesterday increased the holding of Mr Kerry Packer from 4.9 per cent to 12 per cent, worth £54 million.

This is after the sale of 4.9 per cent held by New Zealand Insurance, in which Mr Ron Brierley has a shareholding. The changes were revealed after Hill Samuel formally asked for the details of the shareholdings on Monday. The bank could not confirm, however, that the NZI shares had been bought by Mr Packer's Consolidated Press, which had been shown to have a 4.4 per cent stake.

The increase in Consolidated Press's holding takes the amount of Australian-owned

Hill Samuel shares from 26.6 per cent to 29.3 per cent. Mr Packer's holding is now second to that of FAI Insurance, run by Mr Larry Adler, with 14 per cent. The two men are partners in an investment bank in Sydney but they have assured Hill Samuel they are not acting in concert. The other Australian investors are Mr Robert Holmes a Court's Bell group, which has 2.3 per cent, and Mr Richard Pratt, the Melbourne entrepreneur, with 1 per cent.

Hill Samuel has treated the investments as potentially hostile and would resist attempts by its big shareholders to influence the bank. News of the changes in stakes, however, sent the shares up 9p to 486p yesterday.

How Babygro just grew and grew

By Alexandra Jackson

Babygro, the company that revolutionized British baby-wear by putting babies into all-in-one stretch suits, is seeking a full listing on the Stock Exchange by way of a placing of 4,574,844 shares at 110p, valuing the company at £11.6 million.

Babygro started life 25 years ago in a disused school house in the tiny mining village of Glencairn, West Fife. No doubt attracted by cheap local labour, Mr Walter Artzt, an American, started making the stretch-fabric suits known throughout the country as 'Babygro's' with an eight-strong work-force.

When in the early 1980s Babygro fell into losses it was bought by a team headed by

Mr Eric Peacock, the present chairman and chief executive, who has more than a passing resemblance to a certain ex-chairman of ICI. His company's profits, though not exactly comparable, are also growing strongly.

The group has been turned round from losses in 1982-83 of £734,000 to profits of £615,000 in 1985-86. The directors forecast 1986-87 profits of £1 million. On a reported tax basis, the shares are selling on a prospective 13.3 times earnings. Of the shares being placed, 3.6 million are new shares, raising £3.95 million net of expenses. The balance is being sold by directors and certain institutional shareholders.



Peacock: turned the company around

The company is expanding its product range away from the £260 million babywear market into the £940 million children's wear market. Babygro has a market share of more than 7 per cent in babywear, but as yet is an insignificant

player in children's wear for three- to 12-year-olds.

Only 15 per cent of Babygro's business is now involved in the manufacture of the traditional branded 'Babygro' stretch suits. The bulk of the business is the manufacture of baby clothes for large retailers such as Mothercare, BHS, Marks and Spencer, and Woolworth.

Mr Peacock said the market for all clothes for ages up to 12 was expanding, reflecting the underlying trend in the birth rate, and also that more discerning customers were demanding innovative and stylish children's clothes. But the strong product base remains. There can be few British babies without a 'Babygro' in the wardrobe.

Horrie warning on increased OFT workload

Unfair burden on fair trading

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The Office of Fair Trading is in danger of becoming overburdened as its workload increases. Work on mergers alone rose more than 60 per cent last year, with advice to the Government on 313 mergers, the highest total for 10 years.

The workload warning came from Sir Gordon Horrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, in his 1986 annual report, out yesterday, in which he also expressed continued concern about too-easy consumer credit and its promotion through advertising.

Sir Gordon said: "Improvements in efficiency can cope with increased demand only up to a point. If money and manpower ceilings were to become too tight in relation to the demands put upon my office, then the taxpayer in his capacity as a consumer or as a trader would be likely to pay the price in other ways."

What could be endangered is follow-up work for key investigations such as the OFT's reports last year on restrictions on the professions and the services offered. "It is this type of work which could be at risk when more urgent

pressures appear. There would then be the temptation to put aside or slow down follow-up activity and thus to risk losing or deferring all the benefits promised by the original investigation," he added.

Growth in the OFT workload included an 11 per cent rise in the number of applications for consumer credit licences. The OFT was also gearing up for work flowing from the 1986 Financial Services Act and the European Commission directive on misleading advertising.

Sir Gordon added: "A competition authority such as the OFT has to run faster as the time if ground is not to be lost. The Government's initiatives in promoting competition, in privatization and in deregulation have produced the potential for competition in areas where it did not previously exist. It will be my job to see that this potential is realized."

Deregulation of buses had generated scores of complaints which had to be considered under the fair trading and competition acts.

On consumer credit, about which Sir Gordon first sounded warnings last year, he reported "good progress" on exploring the scope for a code of good lending

practice with the emergence of responsible attitudes by some of the leading financial institutions and organizations such as the Finance Houses Association.

But Sir Gordon remarked: "I remain concerned, if only because the promotion of borrowing by means of advertising is still, in my view, giving the false impression to the young and less financially sophisticated that taking unlimited credit is natural and costless."

An analysis of the OFT's policing of consumer credit licences showed that the motor trade again accounted for the largest number of warning notices issued and for nearly a third of the decisions to revoke or refuse licences.

Consumer complaints fell, largely through absence of returns from abolished metropolitan councils, but they remained high about household appliances (£6,396), motor vehicles and accessories (72,583) and furniture and floor coverings (62,703). In services, the most complaints were about public utilities and transport, together with professional services.

Annual Report of the Director-General of Fair Trading 1986: HMSO, £6.80.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Trafalgar in £24m deal with Barclay brothers

Sir Nigel Brookes, of Trafalgar House, and the Barclay brothers, who run Ellerman Lines, are merging their container interests in a deal worth £24.1 million. The merged business will trade as part of Trafalgar House under the name Cunard Ellerman. Trafalgar is providing £22.5 million through an issue of new shares, and another £1.6 million will come via a previously unlisted loan stock. Trafalgar House is also raising £13.2 million through a further share sale to repay Ellerman debts.

The Barclay twins, Frederick and David, will retain 3.75 million Trafalgar shares, and about 5.5 million have been placed with institutional investors at a price of 383p. The merged business will extend the operations of Trafalgar's container shipping interests into new areas. Meanwhile Ellerman, which is a private concern controlled by the Barclay brothers, reported profits of £5.2 million before tax and interest for the 16 months to the end of December, on turnover of £68.2 million.

BHP to seek new listings

BHP, Australia's largest company, which this year reported disappointing results, is anxious to increase foreign ownership of its shares. The group, quoted in London and New York, will soon seek a Frankfurt and Switzerland stock exchange quote and plans a Tokyo listing in the early part of 1988. Foreign ownership has fallen from about 30 per cent to about 10 per cent.

Management buys Mills

Senior managers at Mills Marketing Services, the Norwich-based distributor of computerized machine tools have bought control of the company from the founder, Mr Peter Mills and Kloeckner, the West German industrial group. Kloeckner, together with 31 and CIN Industrial Investments, provided £1.2 million, in addition to the funds raised by the management team.

Benjamin Priest soars

Benjamin Priest Group, the engineering and mineral processing company, yesterday reported more than doubled profits before tax - up from £1.1 million to £2.4 million - for the year to April 3. Turnover was up from £35.4 million to £47.2 million. The figures include a contribution of £390,000 from acquisitions made during the year. The company made an extraordinary provision of £1.6 million below the line which relates to net losses on the sale of two businesses.

Earnings per ordinary share rose to 4.79p (3.73p), and on a fully converted basis rose to 1.15p (2.4p). The company is paying a final dividend of 0.375p, making 0.5p for the full year (0.3p). Bank borrowings were substantially reduced during the year. "Accounts for the year demonstrate that the group is well placed to develop and expand," the company said. It was "continuing to explore and examine opportunities for further acquisitions."

£1m buy for Green Shield

Green Shield, the trading stamps company headed by Mr Richard Tompkins (right), is buying 33 showrooms with the aim of turning them into stamp redemption centres. The deal is worth about £1 million. The stamps were relaunched earlier this year. The first redemption centre was opened last week in Manchester and a second at Walthamstow in London opened yesterday.



STOCK MARKET

Wellcome rises by 24p as turnover tops 3m shares

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Shares of Wellcome, the pharmaceutical group, were the darling of the stock market yesterday climbing by 24p to 449p as more than 3 million shares changed hands.

Phillips & Drew, the broker, was said to have been behind most of the buying after making Wellcome its share of the month. This latest flurry of activity, which has carried the price up to its best level for some time, also follows close on the heels of a television report about the measures being taken to combat Aids. Wellcome has been at the forefront of the fight with its new anti-Aids drug, Retrovir, which slows down the spread of the disease in the body.

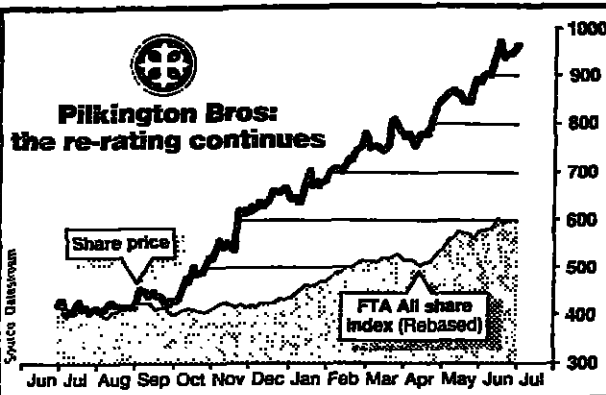
Wellcome has already enjoyed considerable success with Retrovir which has already won approval from the Food and Drug Administration in America on compassionate grounds. But the share price has been dogged in recent months by worries about the side effects of Retrovir, which the company is confident it can overcome.

P&O was a strong market jumper by 25p to 742p. Its own broker, Hoare Govett, was a big buyer of the shares, impressed by the group's huge property portfolio.

But the rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre session and could open lower when trading resumes today following the disappointing start to trading on Wall Street. Most leading stocks were looking tired after hours with turnover down to a trickle. This was reflected in the FT 30 share index which closed 20 points down at 1,782.6, while the FSE 100 share index finished 5.2 points lower at 2,384.1.

A firmer performance by sterling also attracted support for gilts. Prices at the longer end gained of up to 3/4.

Goode Durrant, the building services and property developer, rose 7p to a peak of 238p - making a two-day lead of 18p - as Mr Bruce Judge, the Australian entrepreneur, who owns a 51 per cent stake in the company through Impala Pacific, flew into London for a six-week visit. The word is



that he is hoping to put a few deals together while he is over here and market men are hoping he will put some of the £500 million (£270 million) he received from the recent sale of Renouf Corp into Goode Durrant. Followers of Goode Durrant claim that the group could earn pre-tax profits of at least £2 million in the first six months of the year compared with £2.8 million for the whole of 1986.

The re-rating continues apace at Pilkington Bros, the glass manufacturer, which was in the City again on Monday impressing one big securities house and a few selected institutions with its prospects. The price came within a whisker of the £10 level as it rose by 18p to 966p on a turnover of more than 2 million shares. Fund managers are being told that they are "grossly undervalued."

After its successful defence against BTR's £1.7 billion bid, Pilkington easily beat its £250 million forecast in June, recording a £123 million increase in pre-tax profits to £250 million. Analysts are now forecasting profits of £235 million for the current year, as both the group's European and American operations continue to do well.

Shares of Edward Jones, the retail lender, soared by 73p to 228p on the news that it is in bid talks.

Some dealers think Ratners is the unnamed buyer, having recently failed to pry the Zales, Weir and Collingwood shops away from Combined English Stores.

After the excitement created by the Stewart Wrightson/Willis Faber merger, the emphasis in insurances switched to life issues as takeover stories surrounded London and Manchester.

Talk of a possible bid from the Trustee Savings Bank which only last week spent £220 million on Target Group, the privately-owned life assurance and financial products company, generated renewed buying of L&M which responded with a jump of 30p to 340p. Others in the sector gained ground in sympathy.

Kwik-Fit Holdings, the automotive parts and repair group, firmed up to 25p. Smith New Court, the broker, claims that the shares are undervalued and reckons the company should be reclassified as a stores group. It is expecting pre-tax profits to rise from £10.7 million to £15 million in the present year, to February 28, where the prospective p/e falls to 17. The group is on target for around £20 million in 1987.

Three newcomers to the market all scored useful premiums with Comac, which specializes in supplying computers with computer staff, the day's star performer. Taking its position in the recently formed Third Market, the shares, placed at 120p each, through Strauss Turnbull, the broker, opened at 165p and closed with a 60p premium at 180p.

On the big board, Britannia, a Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, based property developer and only the third company this year to have chosen the offer-for-sale route to a quotation instead of the

cheaper and easier placing method, made a promising start. Offered for sale at 155p by Hestline Moss, the broker, the shares opened at 158p and touched 171p before ending at 170p - a premium of 15p.

Harward Simon, a company based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, which makes computer control systems, mainly for the newspaper industry, also joined the main market and opened 6p higher than the placing price of 178p. Turnover was brisk and the price closed at 190p - a premium of 12p.

Birmid Quacast rose by 4p to 266p as investors began to show interest ahead of the interim figures in a couple of weeks. Birmid is now primarily a consumer products company, with a recent £22 million acquisition of TI Group's New World gas cooker subsidiary taking it away from its traditional areas

of foundry work and engineering. Savory Millin, the broker, has upgraded its forecast to £20 million for this year and to £24 million for next. Dealers reckon the company will come up with the goods and with Hepworth Ceramic sitting on a near-5 per cent stake there is always the chance of a bid.

In the USM, Savage Group, the shelving systems specialist, leapt 25p to 410p following its acquisition of Roussel & Servais, the Brussels-based, pre-packed hardware manufacturer, for £1.06 million. A bullish circular on Savage and its latest acquisition is on its way from County NatWest, the broker, to fund managers. Mr Andrew Holland, a leading USM analyst at County, describes it as a "good strategic acquisition" which should provide big benefits to the group from next year onwards.

He says it will boost sales and margins and enable Savage to sell existing products into Roussel & Servais's customer base. Mr Holland expects pre-tax profits at Savage for the current year just ended to grow from £800,000 to £2.1 million followed by £4.3 million next time around.

On Monday, the Dow average rose by 10.05 points to 2,446.91. Profits before tax for the first half rose by 68 per cent to £10.9 million on turnover up by 18 per cent to £76.2 million. While the industry achieved an increase in advertising revenue of 12.8 per cent, TVS, drawing on its rich catchment area, managed an increase of 17 per cent.

Programme sales and distribution also contributed to the improvement. Programme transmission costs continued to increase - £40.9 million compared with £37.2 million in the same period last year - but were held back by the decision to show the life of Nelson Mandela in the second half of the year rather than in April as was originally planned.

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TEMPUS

Mercury rises to the challenge

A strong capital base is the only crutch from which a meaningful battle for market share can be fought in the war zone we used to call the City.

Yet, if the traders had been asked yesterday which merchant bank was best positioned in terms of capital and therefore the least likely to have a rights issue, the answer would have been, without question, Mercury International. Clearly, the combination of a firm share price and a good set of results made the temptation irresistible.

The results, however, are not all they seem. Apart from transfers to hidden reserves, there are other distortions to be taken into account.

Some of the costs of development associated with the Big Bang - £12 million last year - have been charged to inner reserves, effectively taken below the line as an extraordinary item. Mercury's competitors have been charging such costs above the line.

A pension holiday, which is expected to continue into the foreseeable future, has flattened profits by another £5 million.

So, although the reported pre-tax result of £98 million is, on the face of it, more than £3 million better than market expectations, the underlying result of £76 million was considerably worse.

But underlying the annual ritual of the published profit and loss account is the more important question of who the winners and losers will be once the Americans and the Japanese start to make meaningful inroads into the London market.

The Japanese securities houses dwarf everything we have to offer. This rights issue, however, would rank Mercury about the seventh-highest among the quoted US houses.

And, as capital expenditure is expected to continue at about £30 million a year and the group will be expanding further into overseas markets, it will need every penny it can get to be able to meet the competition head on.

Mr Simon Coombe, analyst at Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, is looking for

£110 million pre-tax this year. The prospective multiple is 9.2, reflecting the uncertainties of the market place and of a business that does best in a booming stock market.

WCRS

The days when the men on Madison Avenue call the tune in the advertising industry may be numbered. Not only has JWT, the US agency, been snapped up by a virtually unknown British company, but WCRS is demonstrating its strength in its local market by reporting an impressive profits increase, 70 per cent of which was earned in the US.

The results were forecast in last month's £28 million rights issue and so were no surprise. During the last five years, WCRS's compound earnings growth, per share, has been 68 per cent. This has been in a period when the group has grown organically and by acquisition. Underlying growth last year was 37 per cent.

The international business now covers seven different segments of the communications and marketing services industry. New business is flowing in at a satisfactory rate. Even London, where it was feared that management changes would cause problems, has fared well.

The significance of the addition of Mathews and Marcantonio to the WCRS name of the London agency should not be underestimated as it indicates a tightening control of the management and creative aspects of that business.

WCRS has come a long way since its foundation eight years ago in a London hotel room. It has shown that a business driven by idiosyncratic, creative types can be tightly controlled, both in management terms and financially. As a result, a profitable and forward-looking company has emerged.

Turnover in the current year should reach £600 million and pre-tax profits of £18 million are on the cards. On a p/e close to the market average, the shares have further to go if the quality of the business is to be truly reflected.

TVS fine tuning

The performance of companies such as Television South, the TV contractor for South and South-east England, provides an accurate snapshot of the prosperity of the region.

Yesterday's results confirm that TVS is doing very nicely, thank you. The company has made a habit of beating market expectations and the latest figures are no exception.

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Japanese stocks gain as Dow slips in early trade

New York (Agencies) - Shares were slightly lower in early trading yesterday, but with some gains in Japanese stocks. Analysts said that these stocks were now attractively priced to some investors.

Matsumita rose by 3 1/2 to 153. Hitachi gained 2 1/2 to 81 1/2.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 0.96 of a point to 2,445.95. Falling shares outnumbered rising ones by two to one on a volume

Share	Price	Share	Price
ASA	61 1/2	Freestone	42 1/2
ASA Ltd	58 1/2	Fst Chicago	31 1/2
Admiral	52 1/2	Fst London	60 1/2
Admiral Signal	44 1/2	Fst Paris	91 1/2
Admiral Ship	42 1/2	Fst West	41 1/2
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WALL STREET

Japanese stocks gain as Dow slips in early trade

New York (Agencies) - Shares were slightly lower in early trading yesterday, but with some gains in Japanese stocks. Analysts said that these stocks were now attractively priced to some investors.

Matsumita rose by 3 1/2 to 153. Hitachi gained 2 1/2 to 81 1/2.

Share	Price	Share	Price
ASA	61 1/2	Freestone	42 1/2
ASA Ltd	58 1/2	Fst Chicago	31 1/2
Admiral	52 1/2	Fst London	60 1/2
Admiral Signal	44 1/2	Fst Paris	91 1/2
Admiral Ship	42 1/2	Fst West	41 1/2
Admiral Ship	42 1/2	FT Wapora	40 1/2
Admiral Ship	42 1/2	FT Wapora	40 1/2

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 26th, 1987, has set the 1986 dividend at 20.00 FF payable as from July 2nd, 1987.

Residents of the United Kingdom will receive an amount of 25.50 FF representing the dividend for the year 1986.

Payment of the above amount will be settled upon presentation of the coupon and completion of form RF 4 GB according to the terms of the double tax convention between France and Great Britain.

Residents may lodge this form with the bank acting as their authorised agent, either in France or in the United Kingdom, at any time up to December 31st of the second year following the collection date of the coupons. As a result of the French legislation on the "dematerialisation" of securities, payment of the coupons will be made through the Paris-located banks with whom the form is submitted.

APPOINTMENTS

Brewin Dolphin chairman named in board changes

Brewin Dolphin & Co: Mr Gerald Knox has been appointed chairman and Mr John Hall has become managing director. Mr Richard Andrew and Mr William Main join the board.

Beecham: Dr Peter Jackson becomes group personnel director.

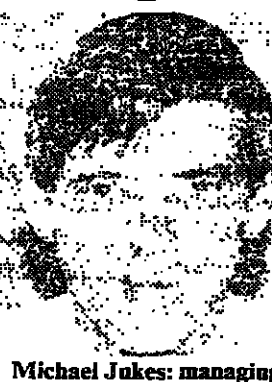
Rowntree: Mr Derek Cook is made a non-executive director.

Robert Fleming Securities:

Mr Barry Marks has been appointed director in charge of the UK trading activities.

Strand Lighting (Europe): Mr Michael Jukes is appointed managing director.

Textile Market Studies: Mr Martin Mian becomes director of technical services and Mr Geoff Nicholson is made director of retail services.



Michael Jukes: managing director of Strand (Europe)

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %	Treasury Bills (Discount %)	Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
Overnight High 5.1 Low 5.0	Buying Selling	1 month 8 1/8 8 1/4 2 month 8 1/8 8 1/4 3 month 8 1/8 8 1/4
Week High 5.1 Low 5.0		

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied Lyons	872	Enlight Chem	276	Rank Org	51
Amrad	3,300	Fisons	3,400	Rank Hov	297
Argyll	1,100	Gen Accord	242	Reddard	1,700
ASDA-MFI	3,900	GECC	22,000	Reddell Colman	289
Ass. Br Foods	449	Glanco	790	Reed Int	725
BET	1,400	Globe IT	733	Reuters	728
BTR	3,100	Granada	2,000	RMC Group	630
BAT	2,600	Grand Met	726	RTZ	242
Bardays	1,900	GUS 'A'	122	Rowntree	467
Bass	303	GRE	321	Royal B of Scot	54
Beecham	861	GKN	1,800	Royal Ins	876
Blue Circle	435	Guinness	1,000	Saatchi	2,200
BOC	1,000	Hanson	10,000	Sainsbury (J)	9,200
Boots	1,900	Hawker Siddley	235	Sears	5,500
BP Ind	300	Hilldown	537	Sedgwick Gp	2,000
BRCC	2,300	Imp Chem Ind	938	Shell	3,000
Br Aerospace	423	Jaguar	785	Smith & Nephew	941
Br Airways	3,500	Ladbrokes	1,200	STC	403
Br Gas	9,000	Lund Securites	1,500	Stan Chart	470
Br Telecom	4,900	Lupul & Gen	265	Storehouse	1,800
Bunzl	431	MEPC	1,000	Tarmac	573
Burton	1,900	Midland	2,000	Trafalgar House	1,000
Cable & Wireless	3,000	Nat West	876	Trusthouse Forte	716
Cadbury Schwepp	1,900	Neon	554	Trusthouse Forte	716
Coats Viscella	775	P & O Dird	2,200	Unigate	1,900
Com Union	389	Pearson	648	Unilever	1,500
Cons Goldfields	129	Pfaffing Bros	2,000	Und Biscuits	824
Cookson Gp	35	Plessey	5,300	Wellcome	3,200
Courtauld	580	Prudential	244	Whitbread 'A'	691
Dee Corp	1,100	Racal Elect	3,500	Woodworth	1,100
Dunlop Gp	522				

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 22	July 3	Sept 24	Oct 5
Call options were taken out on 30/6/87. Blyden, Hobson, Cory H. Stormgard, Redmond, Cable & Wireless, Central & Sheppard, Platinum, Bellhaven, Canford Eng. Property Trust, Kato, Black Leisure, Ropap, Abaco, Poly Pack, Hampton, Sheraton, Turner & Newall, Black P. Hambros, Aron Energy, Neosoma, Eagle Trust, Muller, A & M Hre, Andre De Brett, Tip Top, Gibbons & Lyons, Beales, Assoc. Energy Pacer Systems, Glywys, Martin Ford, Norfolk Capital, Bousfield, Burnmore, Control Secs, Hyman, Newman Inds., Parand, Empire Stores, Edmond Holdings, Galford, Ebe & Goldstein, Unitech, Osozora Group, Woodhouse & Ruson, AGB Research, Pleasura, David S Smith, Dorey Estates, Howard Shuter, Cray, McKay Secs., Ryan Hotels, AB Engineering, Park Foods, Wholesale Finings, Meat Trade, Bristol Channel, Reed Int., Talbot, South West Res., BP, Asprey, Artye Trust, Nanner, GM Firm, Havelock, Autoguard, Edward Jones, Rush & Tompkins, Forman, Wm Ransom, Victor Prods., Relyon, Sindy Banks, Butlers, T. Locker 'A', Louis Newman, Bruning, MS Int.			
PUTS: Aelock Trust, Burns Anderson, Helical Bar, Cowan de Groot, Martin Ford, Holmes Protection, London Associated Inv. Trust, Memory Computer, Rank Org., Welpac, Alexander Holdings, Stormgard, Dorey Estates, Minet, Atlantic Res., Clivide.			

BULLION

Gold \$446.50-447.00	Silver \$10.45-10.47
London (per oz. ex vat): \$446.50-447.00 (\$276.75-277.75)	London (per 1000 oz. ex vat): \$104.50-104.60 (\$655.00-655.75)
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Fixed Rate	Export Finance
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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Allied Lyons	390	43	60	70	2	10	15
Amrad	420	18	42	53	7	20	25
Argyll	480	4	21	33	35	42	46
ASDA-MFI	185	15	23	30	1	7	11
Ass. Br Foods	180	4	12	23	14	18	18
BET	200	1	5	15	24	29	33
BTR	140	9	20	29	6	12	18
BAT	180	3	10	19	20	23	28
Bardays	380	50	63	63	16	21	21
Bass	380	1	5	11	17	38	38
Beecham	330	62	72	79	2	6	12
Blue Circle	380	35	50	63	6	16	21
BOC	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Boots	280	38	49	58	3	10	18
BP Ind	300	23	37	44	7	17	27
BRCC	330	10	21	35	24	30	38
Br Aerospace	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Br Airways	280	38	49	58	3	10	18
Br Gas	300	23	37	44	7	17	27
Br Telecom	330	10	21	35	24	30	38
Bunzl	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Burton	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Cable & Wireless	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Cadbury Schwepp	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Coats Viscella	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Com Union	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Cons Goldfields	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Cookson Gp	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Courtauld	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Dee Corp	380	15	21	27	18	27	35
Dunlop Gp	380	15	21	27	18	27	35

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
June 30	June 30	June 30	June 30
N York 1.6035-1.6130	1.6130-1.6130	0.25-0.25pm	0.60-0.60pm
London 1.6035-1.6130	1.6130-1.6130	0.25-0.25pm	0.60-0.60pm
Amrad 1.6035-1.6130	1.6130-1.6130	0.25-0.25pm	0.60-0.60pm
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Dunlop Gp 1.6035-1.6130	1.6130-1.6130	0.25-0.25pm	0.60-0.60pm

Sterling Index compared with 1975 was up at 72.3 (day's range 72.0-72.3).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	2.6724-2.6855	Ireland	1.4610-1.4640
Australia dollar	2.381-2.391	Singapore	2.1180-2.1200
Bahian dinar	0.605-0.6055	Malaysia	2.1180-2.1200
Brazil cruzeiro	66.8300-70.0215	Australia	2.0720-2.0721
Cyprus pound	0.7550-0.7550	Canada	1.2315-1.2320
Finland markka	7.1400-7.1600	Sweden	4.6025-4.6030
Greece drachma	215.50-221.50	Norway	2.2050-2.2055
Hong Kong dollar	10.5851-12.5915	Portugal	0.7205-0.7210
India rupee	20.62-20.62	West Germany	1.8295-1.8300
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4515-0.4555	Switzerland	1.6145-1.6150
Malaysia dollar	2.1180-2.1200	Netherlands	2.0572-2.0573
Mexico peso	214.50-219.50	Spain	1.2315-1.2320
New Zealand dollar	2.7154-2.7218	Italy	142.75-143.75
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8550-6.0350	Japan	133.23-133.24
Singapore dollar	2.1180-2.1200	Belgium(Comm)	37.34-37.37
S. Africa rand (fin)	5.4610-5.5587	Hong Kong	7.8005-7.8006
S. Africa rand (com)	5.2985-5.3074	Peru	125.25-143.42
U.A.E. dirham	5.4610-5.5587	Spain	125.25-125.26
Lloyds Bank		Sweden	12.83-12.83

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank MEXEX and Exel.

TOTAL

TOTAL COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PÉTROLES 1986 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 26, 1987

The annual general meeting of TOTAL, held on June 26, 1987, with Mr. François-Xavier ORTOLI in the Chair, approved the accounts for 1986. All the resolutions were adopted.

In his address, the Chairman outlined the evolution of the company during 1986 and the first part of 1987, noting that on a consolidated basis, there would be a positive net income for the first half of the current year. As is normal in uncertain economic climate, the information available at present was not sufficient to permit an assessment of how the year as a whole would be likely to develop.

The Chairman emphasized that the Group's sound financial structure had enabled it to weather the uncertainties of the oil world in 1986, despite unprecedented stockholding losses brought about by the fall in both the barrel price and the dollar. He added that the Group had demonstrated its resilience to such fluctuations. Mr. ORTOLI observed that the parent company's earnings for 1986 amounted to FF 1.013 billion.

Mr. ORTOLI expressed his conviction that for a long time to come, hydrocarbons would continue to play an essential part in meeting world energy requirements, and should continue to be profitable for those able to combine efficiency and competitiveness. He referred, in his connection, to the Group's active policy of strengthening its relations with fields in Eastern countries and extending and renewing its mining acreage. Furthermore, he laid stress on the considerable efforts being made to rationalize the refining and marketing sector and on the need to restore profits in this area.

Lastly, the Chairman mentioned that the share warrants issued last year would mature at the end of 1987 and he noted the performance of TOTAL CFP shares on the Paris Stock Exchange since the beginning of 1986.

1986 in brief

Financial performance
1986 has seen continued recovery since the Group's result net of stockholding movements increased by FF 3 billion to FF 6.3 billion. Despite substantial stockholding losses (FF 7.5 billion), TCFP's net loss was only FF 0.471 billion.

The consolidated financial statements at year-end also showed a cash flow (excluding stockholding movements) of FF 11.6 billion, compared with FF 9.9 billion for the previous year.

The Group's net capital expenditure amounted to FF 7.7 billion, the greater part of which were in the upstream sector.

Lastly, the capital increases by both the parent company and some of its subsidiaries, provided the Group with a net injection of funds totalling FF 3.1 billion.

Activities

The year witnessed:
- a strengthening of the Group's international trading position in both oil and gas;
- a highly selective exploration programme, complemented by the acquisition of proven reserves in North America;

- continued efforts to restructure and modernize refining and marketing in Europe, and more particularly the TOTAL FRANCE network.

Significant data 1986
The Group
- Resources:
Oil (millions of tons) 46.8
Gas (billions of m³) 5.4
- Financial data (consolidated in billions of francs)
Turnover 95.7
- of which 34% in France)
Cash flow 4.1
Net loss -1.2
- of which TCFP share: -0.471
Net investments 7.7
The parent company
Turnover 33.8
Net income 1.0
Dividend per share FF 10 (+ 14% credit of FF 10).
Date of dividend payment: July 2.

The brochure "TOTAL COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PÉTROLES 1986" can be obtained in English and French from Service Diffusion - 5, rue Michel-Ange - 75761 Paris Cedex 16 - France.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	90.82	90.89	90.80	90.88	4121
Mar 88	90.78	90.78	90.78	90.78	114
Jun 88	90.70	90.70	90.70	90.70	13
Dec 88	90.69	90.69	90.69	90.69	13
Mar 89	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Jun 89	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 89	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 90	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Jun 90	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 90	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 91	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Jun 91	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 91	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 92	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Jun 92	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 92	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 93	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Jun 93	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 93	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 94	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Jun 94	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 94	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 95	NT	NT	NT	NT	0

Portfolio
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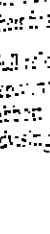
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Quest for the magic middle

The sale of *Today* to News International will intensify the competition for the middle market readership, reports David Housham

In purchasing *Today*, Britain's first colour newspaper, for £38 million, News International has signalled its intention to take on the biggest challenge in publishing — to establish a successful middle-market national newspaper.

Today's new editor, David Montgomery, who is moving over from the *News of the World*, will be striving to improve greatly on the recent burst of growth in the previously low and sluggish circulation figures (now up to 330,000) which, from the ill-starred launch by Eddy Shah in March last year, were disappointing.

Montgomery says: "The existing middle-market papers, although strong in personality, are very traditional and are running out of steam. I hope to breathe new life into *Today*, make it more entertaining and fashionable to appeal to youthful readers with a lot of disposable income who want to improve the quality of their lives all the time."

"Those people are interested in printed information, not just information from the television. If it's done with authority, *Today* can become indispensable to their lifestyles," Montgomery added that he is not only seeking to take readers from the *Daily Express* and *Daily Mail*, but also from the top of the *Daily Mirror*'s readership and the bottom of the *Daily Telegraph*'s.

The staff at *Today*'s Pimlico offices have suffered the tribulations of Eddy not being ready and the take-over by Tiny Rowland's Louth Group last summer. In the past few weeks they have been working under clouds of uncertainty as new take-over bids and counter-bids were rumoured.

Associated Newspapers, seeking

to protect the position of its *Daily Mail*, was said to be sniffing. *Sunday Sport* publisher, David Sullivan, proffered a £20 million cheque. On Monday Mirror Group publisher, Robert Maxwell, pulled out at the death, ending rumours that he planned to merge *Today* with a rolled-out version of his ailing *London Daily News*.

Newspaper industry pundits have often dubbed the middle market-place as a "Bermuda Triangle" of lost and missing middle-class readerships. But leading analyst, Harold Lind, concedes that with the right backing and editorial formula, *Today* could find the elusive readership which, once attracted, would make it a very profitable paper.

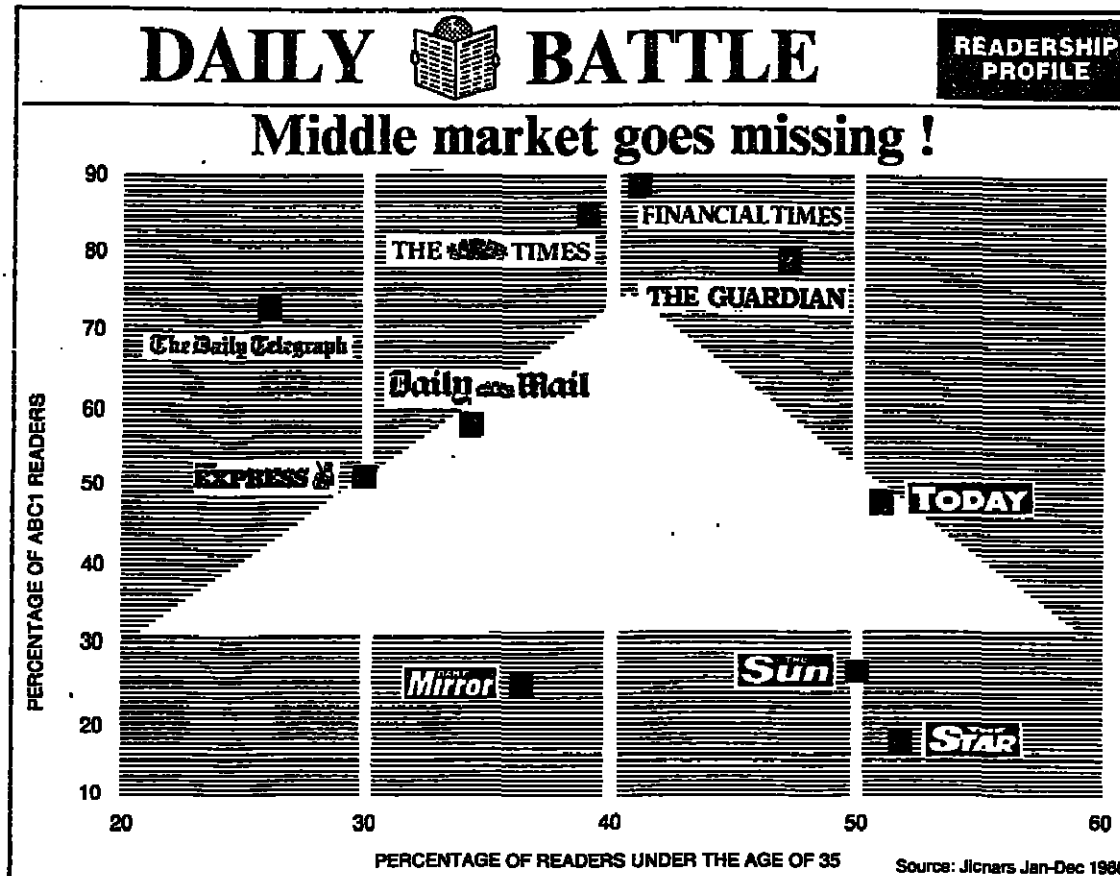
Lind says: "Today started badly and hasn't found its niche. But you're only talking about it attracting another 150,000 readers to break even, and that isn't as ridiculous a target figure as other new newspapers have set themselves."

Lind points out that since the 1960s the middle-market story has been one of shut-down papers and plummeting circulations.

"For the past 25 years there have been quite large readership increases for the quality newspapers and large increases for the popular papers, compared to solid decline in the middle. The *News Chronicle*, the *Daily Herald* and the pre-Murdoch *Sun* were all middle-market failures."

"The *Daily Express* was selling 3.5 million copies 20 years ago and now it's down to 1.7 million. Nothing has happened to replace those lost readers. *Today* thought it would expand the sector significantly, but it hasn't."

Continual changes of editor, tone,



This is the "Bermuda Triangle" of newspapers which shows the lack of a mass-market publication for young, middle-class readers. This readership profile reveals that in the middle band of papers with a 50 per cent ABC1 (middle-class) readership, the *Express* has more older readers than the *Daily Mail*, while *Today* has a high percentage of young readers. The figures for *The Independent* were not available for this survey.

style and advertising campaigns have not been able (perhaps unsurprisingly) to win desperately needed new readers for the *Express*.

This year for the first time its bitter rival, the *Daily Mail*, has overtaken the *Express*'s circulation figure and has been sustaining a lead of some 60,000 copies.

The *Mail* has been the most successful middle-market paper of the past 20 years but not because it has increased its sales. It has lost some readers to *Today* and *The Independent*, but by vigorous promotion, such as offering its readers the chance to win various trinkets from the late Duchess of Windsor's estate, has managed not to lose circulation overall.

However, its profile has suffered with the loss of up-market, ABC1 readers to *The Independent*, while *The Daily Telegraph* editor, Max Hastings, recently revealed his ambition to pull off the same trick as the *Mail* becomes "ever more strident and moves down market".

The advertising agency, Foote, Cone and Belding, noted in a recent report that although newspapers doubled the amount of money they poured into advertising last year, especially on television, total national press sales rose by only 2 per cent.

"It seems most unlikely that there are vast numbers of potential daily newspaper readers who do not currently buy one simply because none exists to suit their tastes," commented Foote, Cone and Belding. "It is far more likely that they have lifestyles which do not suit dailies or their needs are catered for by broadcast media."

Says Lind: "The old view that there has been a polarization of public taste has always struck me as odd, because in demographic terms there is an enormous gap between the qualities and the popular papers."

"There is an enormous gap between the *Daily Mirror* at the top end of the pops and the *Daily Telegraph* at the bottom end of the qualities. No one has hit the young middle market at all, except for *Today*, which has hit it exactly, but in very tiny numbers."

"There seems to be a very large section of the population whose lives are less newspaper-oriented — it's one of the long-term worries of the newspaper industry. But there is a very considerable readership — I think of it as the Barratt homes

readership — in the middle to upper middle market — that is a gap that needs to be filled, somewhere between a younger *Telegraph* and the *Express*'s readership. *The Independent* has not quite hit that category, but has aimed somewhat above it."

Lind points out that the new technology breakthroughs, the new greenfield printing sites and the new era of industrial relations in Fleet Street means that even with lower circulations, profits are higher and a stake in the middle-market is suddenly a more valuable possession than ever.

United Newspapers is expected to announce a substantial number of new redundancies to the print unions tomorrow as it moves towards new printing arrangements and direct input for the *Daily* and *Sunday Express* and the *Daily Star*.

Having already negotiated the shedding of over 2,000 jobs earlier this year, United's *Express* Newspapers subsidiary last month reported profits quadrupled to £13.6 million.

"The *Daily Express* was losing a lot of money for a long time," says Lind. Now it will make money for a considerable time to come, no matter what its circulation does."

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Cost cutting...

Despite a new bout of rigorous cost-cutting, *The Independent* will still exceed its projected first-year £3.2 million loss this autumn, according to the editor, Andreas Whitman-Smith.

Journalists' expenses, picture commissioning and the use of couriers are among the areas in which he has ordered savings.

"Newspapers are incredibly wasteful of resources. Our costs are perpetually rising and I'm sure we'll be having similar drives on costs in 10 and 20 years' time," he says. "Our first-year loss will be higher than we stated in the prospectus, but I'm reasonably confident we will reach a position of profit by next April."

Whitman-Smith adds that he "can't rule out" a new injection of cash from the paper's investors, though he expects it can get by "on a little bit of bank finance".

An extra area of high spending will be an advertising campaign to be launched by the paper's new advertising agency, Bartle, Bogle Hegarty, who have replaced Saatchi and Saatchi. "We're not decided when or how the campaign will start, but we will have to be on television."

Max's yompers

Daily Telegraph editor Max Hastings displayed his tough sense of humour this week in deciding which editorial department should spearhead the paper's yomp from Fleet Street to its new HQ on the Isle of Dogs.

He chose the hapless hocks on the City desk who have protested most loudly about the move, fearing they will lose touch with their financial informants in their new non-U location. Nor can the rest of the *Telegraph* journalists be said to be overjoyed... there is parking allocation for only 147 cars, nearly all of which will be used by non-editorial management.

Minute saved

News At Ten has extra reason to celebrate its 20th anniversary this Friday — it has been off an attempt by some ITV companies to chop one minute off its running time.

ITV companies have been improving the local news bulletins that follow the *ITN* show. Some major stations wanted to extend those bulletins by trimming *News At Ten*. *ITN* editor David Nicholas says: "We argued that this is no time to be cutting back — and I'm glad to say our case was accepted."

Diverse losses

Although the television industry is boiling over with speculation about the boom in independent production, the revolution has clearly not quite arrived. Six staff production jobs in the independent sector have just

disappeared with the ending of *Diverse Productions*'s commission to produce the substantial *Diverse Reports* series for Channel 4.

Briefing...

Time Out publisher Tony Elliott has just made his annual appearance in the trade press promising yet another new venture, none of which have previously materialized. This time he is mooted a national monthly version of *TO*... One option being considered by Yorkshire Television for increasing its amount of programming, commissioning from independents is to float off completely its soap, *Emmerdale Farm*, to an outside company... Causing dismay among the young trendy writers on *ITN's New Musical Express* is the arrival as new editor of ageing, unfashionable Alan Lewis, a former *Sounds* editor, who once quit journalism to run a pub... Lowe Howard-Spink, the ad agency which has helped the "Not a snooze" campaign for *Mail On Sunday* increase its circulation to 1.7 million, is being asked by Associated Newspapers to create new generic campaigns for the *London Evening Standard* and the *Evening News* from this autumn... London Weekend Television has already sold its new late-night programming package, due to start on August 28, to Television South and Anglia. The latter is also buying Thames's weekday late-night schedule...

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CYCLING: 74TH TOUR DE FRANCE STARTS TODAY WITH TIME TRIAL PROLOGUE IN WEST BERLIN

Anderson threat to Irishmen

West Berlin (Reuters) - The 74th Tour de France opens here today, with the possibility of another English-speaking triumph stronger than ever. Last year Greg LeMond, the American, made the breakthrough, and although he is sidelined this time, there are at least four men capable of staging a follow-up triumph in the world's most important cycle race.

Ireland's Stephen Roche proved that when he won the Giro d'Italia last month, Roche, his compatriot Sean Kelly, and Phil Anderson, the Australian, are all on a Tour de France comeback.

Roche struggled through last year with a knee injury, and Kelly missed the Tour because of knee trouble. Anderson was still recovering from a rheumatic disease, and for once played a minor role.

Roche's Italian triumph is a powerful pointer, and the Dubliner, third in the 1985 Tour, is ambitious to join the

elite few who have won the Tours of Italy and France in the same year.

This double has twice fallen to Bernard Hinault (France), Eddy Merckx (Belgium) and Fausto Coppi (Italy), and once to Frenchman Jacques Anquetin, who, like Merckx and Hinault, is a member of another exclusive club. They are the only men to win five Tours de France.

For Kelly, one Tour triumph would suffice for now. He ranks number one in the world, but his current record in 10 years as a professional lacks a world title and more important, victory in one of the three major tours. He came close this year in the Tour of Spain. Four days from the finish the farmer's son from Carrick-on-Shannon was race leader, but had to quit because of a cyst on his behind.

Anderson, from Melbourne, held the race lead for nine days in his debut year, and has twice finished fifth.

Contender number four could be Andy Hampsten. The man from

Boulder, Colorado, was fourth last year - his Tour debut - and that after helping his team-mate, LeMond, to victory.

France have yet to find a successor to the retired Hinault. Laurent Fignon has not recaptured the promise of the mid-eighties when he twice won the Tour. Apart from Fignon, currently protesting his innocence after a doping test proved positive, the French look to Charly Mottet and Jean-François Bernard. If they fail, then their prospects could decline as they did between 1968 and 1976, when the nation country provided only one winner in nine starts.

British hopes will rest with a Scot, Robert Millar. He may not have the all-round abilities of Kelly and Roche, but second place in the Giro, plus twice runner-up in the Spanish Tour most count for something.

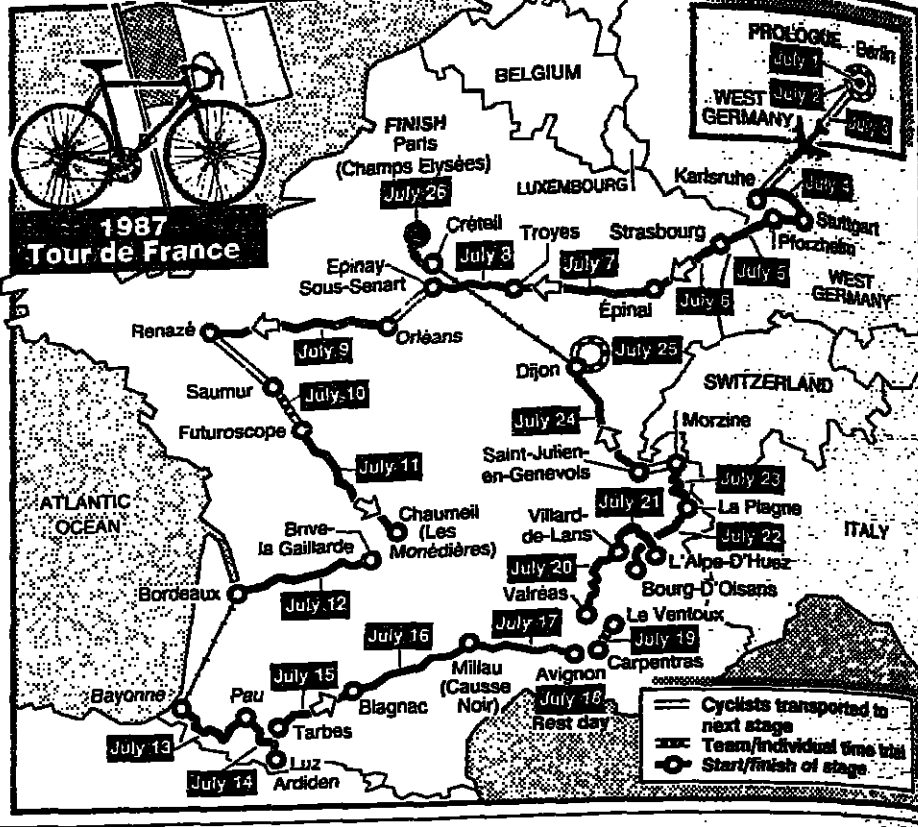
For the first time a British trade team is among the 200-plus field. Only one of their nine riders has experi-

enced a Tour de France, so this race is for experience rather than success.

For the third time in its history the 4,100 km Tour starts in West Germany, with West Berlin paying three million marks (\$5.5 million) to link the Tour with the city's celebrations of its 750th anniversary. The race gets under way with the time trial prologue, starting and finishing in the famous Kurfurstendamm, and the next day the city stages a 105km circuit race followed by a 40km team time trial.

On Friday the teams fly to Stuttgart to re-open the Tour on Saturday with three more West German stages - Karlsruhe, Stuttgart, and Pforzheim, the third of which takes the race into France with a finish in Strasbourg on Sunday afternoon.

The West German stages account for 550km, but more than 3,500km remain, including the crucial climbs through the Pyrenees and the Alps before the Paris finish on Sunday, July 26.



ROWING

Redgrave-Holmes seek to foil Soviet Henley

By Jim Railton

Henley Royal Regatta which starts today will probably exceed a £1 million turnover for the first time and most certainly stage one of the finest rowing regattas in its proud history. The theme for this year's Royal Regatta is already set - the Soviet Union, the top rowing nation in the last two world championships, will contest all Henley's elite events. They will meet fierce resistance from Great Britain, West Germany, Canada, Poland and, perhaps, the United States.

There is so much to enthuse about this year and there should be some classic races to savour. World interest will certainly focus on the Silver Goblets and Nickalls Challenge Cup in which the holders, Steven Redgrave and Andy Holmes of Marlow and Leander Rowing clubs, look destined to meet Nikolai and Yuri Pimenov of Dinamo Moscow, the world champions in coxed pairs.

Redgrave and Holmes are multi-Henley Royal Regatta champions. Olympic gold medal winners in coxed pairs and reigning world champions

in coxed pairs. The Pimenov brothers won an Olympic silver in coxed pairs in 1980 and the world titles in the last two years in this discipline.

The Britons have dreams of annexing both world pair titles this year in Copenhagen. There will be much venom in this event but two world champion pairs contesting the same event is something quite special.

The Diamond Challenge Sculls is intriguing too, with Peter-Michael Kolbe, of West Germany, attempting to win this elusive title at his third attempt. Kolbe, four times world champion, the 1973 European champion and twice Olympic silver medal winner in single sculls, meets Vasily Yakushev, of the Soviet Army Club, an Olympic and world silver medal winner. Another Soviet sculler, Yuri Yanson, is also entered but has no known pedigree.

Sadly, Great Britain has abandoned the Grand Challenge Cup leaving the prize between the Soviet Union, Canada and the United States. Canada's national eight, rowing in the lively of Ridley Boat

Club with four Olympic gold medal winners in eights on board, will have to depose Harvard University for a final place against the Soviet Army on Sunday.

The Canadians and the Soviet Army look destined to pull the Queen Mother Challenge Cup for quadruple sculls either in an easterly or westerly direction. The Soviet crew in this event includes three of the world championship gold medal-winning crew and Canada turn out their full complement from the 1986 world bronze and 1985 world gold medal quartet.

The Soviet Army coxed four, with a new line-up, have set their sights on the Prince Phillip too, and the Poles are here again to defend their title.

Redgrave: date with Pimenov with the majority of their winning four.

Soviet ambitions also extend to the Stewards where they will meet London University's Tyrion club in a straight final and the Soviet Union, stroked by Valery Dosenko from their world champion quadruple sculls, will be also hard to match in the Double Sculls Challenge Cup.

Since the Soviet Union first appeared at Henley Royal Regatta in 1954 they have taken back 23 trophies and in their first visit for 13 years in this week it looks like a Soviet Henley. But they will not have it all their own way in the Silver Goblets, Diamonds, The Grand and The Queen Mother Challenge Cup.

FOOTBALL

Bate takes up the reins for Southend

Dick Bate, who was assistant to Jimmy Sirrell at Notts County two seasons ago, was today named as the new manager of third division Southend. He has accepted a two-year contract.

Bate, aged 41, succeeds David Webb, who resigned last March. Paul Clark, who guided Southend to promotion last season in his role as caretaker manager, has been made assistant manager.

Vic Jobson, Southend chairman, said: "Bate may be unknown in soccer terms but he comes to us highly recommended by Sheffield Wednesday boss Howard Wilkinson, and that's good enough for us."

Bate was player-coach under Wilkinson at non-league Boston. He recently turned down the chance of taking charge at Torquay.

Reading, of the second division, have signed Newport's captain, London Jones, for £10,000. Jones, 31, was picked up by Paul Franklin, a Watford reserve defender, on a free transfer last week, has agreed terms with the club and will arrive at the club after a year, to take up a similar post with West Ham. Jones, who takes up his post at Upton Park on August 1, said: "They are a big club, and it is an exciting opportunity for me."

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More than 1.4 million spectators attended the football tournament, including a record 101,700 at the final. Such figures have forced FIFA to look seriously at breaking the hold of the

CRICKET: VARSITY MATCH AN OCCASION STILL IMPORTANT TO THE PLAYERS

Cambridge have a batsman of high pedigree in Lancashire's Atherton

By Andrew Longmore

It is several years since the Varsity Match produced an England captain, but, according to at least one good judge, Michael Atherton, of Cambridge, will be the next.

Atherton comes to Lord's for the Varsity Match today not as captain but with an impressive all-round record behind him: 3,500 runs as an opening batsman and 170 wickets with his leg-spin in five seasons for Manchester Grammar School; captain and leading run-scorer for the Lancashire under-19 side which won the county title last summer; and captain of the Young England team in Sri Lanka last winter.

If he was a race horse, he would be next year's Derby favourite, if a footballer he would already be worth half a million pounds. And he is still only 19.

But it is one thing to murder sub-standard schoolboy attacks, quite another to prosper in first class cricket, as both Michael Roseberry, of Middlesex, and Neil Lanham, of Sussex, are finding out.

Bridging the gap depends as much on attitude as technique. But David Moss, master in charge of cricket at Manchester A.S., recalls that even at school Atherton acted like a good professional.

Moss's fondest memory of the wintry schoolboy is of him waiting impatiently at the nets for the



Atherton: An impressive all-round record

other members of the team to arrive for practice.

In style and temperament, Atherton has always been more of a Boycott than a Dwyer. It came as no surprise that when faced with the full Essex attack on his first-class debut for Cambridge he did not blast his way to a glorious unbeaten century, but gently worked the ball around for an unspectacular 73 not out. The first century

came shortly after, though, against Derbyshire and in his seven first class games he averages 44.

"The difference between the cricket I had been used to and the first class game is immense, but it was not as hard as I had expected," Atherton recalls.

That is not a reflection of Atherton's modesty - the words are uttered with a slightly

puzzled tone as if someone was playing a trick - but of the invaluable experience he gained captaining the Young England side in Sri Lanka last winter.

The quiet Lancastrian admits that the pressure on him there was enormous not just because he had to bat, bowl and captain but because he had to make a speech or two which is his idea of ordeal by fire.

His manager for that tour was the Middlesex secretary, Tim Lamb, and he came home full of admiration for Atherton the cricketer and captain.

"He's a bit shy, but on the field he is not afraid of making himself unpopular to get his way. As a captain, he has a remarkable ability to make things happen."

After playing in front of 40,000 Sri Lankans, the 200 or so people at Lord's for the Varsity Match might be considered an anti-climax. Atherton thinks not.

"The Varsity Match is still regarded as our most important match of the year and the pressure will be on me to get some runs so I will be very nervous, particularly at Lord's," he says.

Immediately after the match, he, along with his friend and Oxford rival, Mark Crawley, will take up their contracts with Lancashire. If Atherton prospers at Old Trafford as much as he has done in his first year at Cambridge, he could become very familiar with Lord's.

The United States ready to tear up the Astroturf to stage the 1994 World Cup

Profits potential the bait for FIFA

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FIFA will conduct on-site inspection tours of each applicant nation before announcing a decision at the European Championship finals in West Germany in June 1988.

The United States bid is already gaining momentum. Phil Woosnam, USFF president, in an interview with Soccer America, said: "It must be a fully-fledged proposal. We must make sure there are no loopholes."

"We must do it in the most professional manner, as cities do for the Olympics," said Woosnam. "USFF president, in an interview with Soccer America, said: "It must be a fully-fledged proposal. We must make sure there are no loopholes."

The American bid will divide the country geographically into six zones with two stadiums in each. A minimum of 12 stadiums per bid is required and the US are expected to include more in order to give FIFA a greater choice.

Woosnam, former commissioner of the now defunct North American Soccer League (NASL), recently completed an inspection tour of 27 stadiums across the country. He will deliver his recommendations to

a report to the USFF next week.

Los Angeles, New York, Miami, Seattle and Palo Alto, California, have already been confirmed among the potential host cities. St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, Boston, Tampa, Dallas, Annapolis, and Washington DC are other strong contenders.

The Rose Bowl in Pasadena is likely to be the site for the final, as it was for the 1982 Olympics, but both Miami and New York have expressed an interest in staging it. "I think a number of cities recognise the benefit of being a host city for the final," Woosnam said.

As many of the stadiums have Astroturf pitches, a synthetic surface outlawed by FIFA, the America bid will recommend they be replaced with grass. The process can be completed in one month and at a cost of about \$50,000 Woosnam says.

The Canadian Soccer Federation recently asked to join the United States in the bid, offering Montreal and Vancouver as co-host cities in exchange for co-host status, but the organizers of the United States proposal discounted any such possibility.

TODAY'S ORDER OF ROWING

- 10.30: Ladies' Plate: University of Pennsylvania (USA) v. Vesta
- 10.35: Thames Cup: Pembroke College, Cambridge v. Notts County RA
- 10.40: Wyfold Cup: Thames RC v. Army
- 10.45: Britannia Cup: Nottingham BC v. Oxford BC
- 10.50: Diamond Sculls: M. McCarthy (Lea) v. V. R. R. (London)
- 11.00: Thames: Selwyn College, Cambridge v. Hertford College, Oxford
- 11.10: Wyfold: Eton College v. Walton
- 11.15: Britannia: Evesham RC v. City of Oxford
- 11.20: Diamonds: PH Ashmore (St. Ives) v. GP Secdon (Thames)
- 11.30: Thames: Henley RC v. Sons of the Thames RC
- 11.35: Thames: 1st and 3rd Trinity, Cambridge v. Reading
- 11.40: Wyfold: Holtwylow Lake v. Ipswich
- 11.45: Britannia: Edinburgh University v. Christchurch
- 11.50: Diamonds: R. Hamill (Wakarusa, NZ) v. AH Reynolds (All Saints College, London)
- 12.00: Thames: Marlow v. Nottingham University
- 12.05: Thames: Glenmalur (Ire) v. Gloucester
- 12.10: Wyfold: Bourneville v. Staines BC
- 12.15: Wyfold: City of Oxford v. Rowing Club
- 12.20: Diamonds: TFF South (Hampshire) v. ED Graham (London)
- 12.30: Thames: Oxford Polytechnic v. Newcastle University
- 12.35: Wyfold: Henley v. Marlow
- 12.40: Wyfold: Henley v. Marlow
- 2.45: Britannia: Sons of the Thames RC v. Vesta

Redgrave: date with Pimenov

with the majority of their winning four.

Soviet ambitions also extend to the Stewards where they will meet London University's Tyrion club in a straight final and the Soviet Union, stroked by Valery Dosenko from their world champion quadruple sculls, will be also hard to match in the Double Sculls Challenge Cup.

Since the Soviet Union first appeared at Henley Royal Regatta in 1954 they have taken back 23 trophies and in their first visit for 13 years in this week it looks like a Soviet Henley. But they will not have it all their own way in the Silver Goblets, Diamonds, The Grand and The Queen Mother Challenge Cup.

University honours Matthews

Wearing the traditional cap and gown with red and gold tassels, Sir Stanley Matthews, the former England winger, who left school at 14 without any academic qualifications, yesterday received an honorary master's degree from Keele University, North Staffordshire.

Sir Stanley is now 72 and during a 30-year football career played for Stoke City and Blackpool. He said: "In my young days, I was a bit of a scoundrel. I didn't have much time for studying."

Sir Stanley now lives in Canada but he still spends his time coaching youngsters. He recently received an award from the International Committee for Fair Play in Paris for sportsmanship. He played for England 84 times and was still playing in the first division at the age of 50. He played his last game for Stoke on February 6, 1965.

Drinkell will stay at Norwich City

Ken Brown, the manager of Norwich City, told supporters on Monday night that Kevin Drinkell is staying at Carrow Road.

Drinkell, Norwich's top scorer for the last two seasons, has been linked with Manchester United, but Brown said: "I feel sorry for our fans who keep seeing these stories. All I can say is I'm looking to strengthen our squad, not sell. I don't know anything about this and neither does Kevin."

Last week Robert Chase, the chairman, pledged that both Drinkell and Steve Bruce, the captain, would be with Norwich next season.

Wimbledon's reserve team have failed to gain election to the Football Combination for next season. Ironically for the second successive season, Bobby Gould, his former club, Bristol Rovers, and Brighton were elected. Southend United were also rejected. Peter Kirkup, the Combination secretary, said: "It is up to the members to decide which teams play in the Combination. Teams get used to playing each other over the years, and friendships count."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Test made in paradise for Britain

By Keith Macklin

The Kurnells, birds of paradise, of Papua New Guinea will play their first full international in Britain at Wigan on October 24 during an eight-match tour. The game against Great Britain will be an official World Cup fixture.

Also on the agenda for the Kurnells are Featherstone Rovers, Lancashire, Swinton, Lumbria, Fulham and the representative side from the British Amateur Rugby League Association.

Auckland, the top New Zealand province, will also tour during the early part of the season. They have six matches in October and November against Leeds, Warrington, St. Helens, Hull, Wigan and a Chairman's XIII.

Next season's internationals include home and away games with France at full, under-21 and Colts levels.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

The following results were received too late for inclusion in yesterday's early editions (Seeded players in capitals)

Men's singles

Third round
P. CASH (AUS) bt M. Schapers (NED), 7-6, 6-2, 6-4
M. PERNER (AUS) bt S. MAYOTTE (US), 2-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5

Men's doubles

First round
S. E. DAVIS and D. PATE (US) bt J. Evernden (NZ) and J. C. Knox (US), 6-3, 6-3

Second round
G. FORGET and Y. NOAH (F) bt J. Gunnarsson (Swe) and M. Mortensen (Den), 7-5, 7-6

P. ANANDON (US) and C. J. VAN RENSBURG (SA) bt G. Bloom and A. Morrison (Ire), 6-3, 6-3

C. HOOPER and M. LEACH (US) bt M. J. Bates and W. C. Brown (GB), 6-4, 6-4

J. B. FITZGERALD (AUS) and T. SMID (C) bt M. Bauer (US) and W. Fibak (Pol), 6-2, 6-2

K. CURRIE and M. DEPALMER (AUS) bt M. Anger and G. Holmes (US), 6-4, 7-5

S. EDERBERG and A. JARRY (Swe) bt H. P. Guernhard and J. Hasek (Cze), 3-6, 6-4

C. A. LEMBERGER and M. WOOLANDER (AUS) bt G. Laverdier (US) and G. MacLachlan (Can), 7-5, 7-6

A. GOMEZ (ECI) and S. ZIVONJIC (Swe) bt G. Laverdier (US) and G. MacLachlan (Can), 7-5, 7-6

R. LECOTTE (F) and M. MOUR (Cze) bt J. P. Guernhard and J. Hasek (Cze), 6-4, 6-7

Women's doubles

Second round
M. NAVRATILOVA and P. H. SHRIVER (US) bt J. Novotna (Cze) and C. Sore (F), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4

B. NAGELSEN (US) and P. SMYLYE (AUS) bt M. M. Bolger (Ire) and M. J. Bates (US), 6-3, 6-3

B. BUNGE (US) and G. FERNANDEZ (P. Rico) bt C. MacGregor and C. B. MacGregor (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3

CRICKET

Brown is deputy for Capel

Simon Northamptonshire's left-arm pace bowler, will make his British Assurance county championship debut against Glamorgan at Swansea today.

Brown, who was 18 earlier this year, will be on duty with England at Headingley.

Roger Harper may be preferred to Winston Davis in the Northamptonshire team while the Welsh county have also included their overseas spin bowler, Ravi Shastri.

Following the heavy defeat by Nottinghamshire, Elaine Baptiste and Chris Penn may return to the Kent side for the visit of Yorkshire. Baptiste has missed the last four games with a groin strain.

Although fast bowler Winston Benjamin has a neck injury and is doubtful for the game with Derbyshire, at Grace Road, Leicestershire, has a ready replacement in Jonathan Agnew, who has shaken off a stomach virus.

With Gattling, Embury and Edmonds away with England, Middlesex are glad to have the experienced Clive Radley available for the match with their London neighbours, Surrey, at the Oval. Paul Downton, who spins the captaincy and the off-spin bowler, Andy Newham, is likely to play against his former colleagues.

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Cash set to end the lean spell

By David Powell

Pat Cash began to look the part for Wimbledon champion yesterday. He is attempting to become the first Australian since John Newcombe in 1971 to win the men's singles, and in beating Guy Forget, of France, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, in one hour 43 minutes, he was the first of the contenders to reach the quarter-finals.

Cash is a useful weapon in the argument that more account should be taken of grass court ability and less of the world rankings when deciding seedings. In previous years he has reached the semi-finals, quarter-finals and last 16 unseeded and now, seeded 11th, he is in the last eight.

Against Michael Schapers on Monday, Cash had served erratically and volleyed uncomfortably. Forget was not so lucky. The Australian succeeded with 75 per cent of his first serves, and on his opponent's delivery, struck some venomous returns.

Forget is one of the few remaining men whose dress on court offers no hint of colour. His game was lacking in it too. Meanwhile, Cash was painting Wimbledon red with an array of flashing shots.

Cash's compatriot, Peter Doolan, who defeated Boris Becker in the second round, found the mighty Yugoslav, Slobodan Zivonjovic, too much for him. Zivonjovic served 24 aces to win 6-2, 6-4, 7-6. Doolan had three set points in the tie-break but also saved three match points before losing 13-11.

Swedish string quartet in tune for quarter-finals

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Will these Swedes ever be satisfied? First Bjorn Borg did it all on his own, conquering the extremes of clay and grass with six French and five Wimbledon championships. Now there is a corporate Swedish advance on the same goal. They proved they could do their stuff on clay. Then Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg won the last four Australian championships to be played on grass; and there will be four Swedes in the last eight of the men's singles at Wimbledon.

Wilander and Edberg have been joined by Anders Jarryd, and Mikael Pernfors in a line-up that reads as follows: Slobodan Zivonjovic vs Pernfors, Wilander vs Pat Cash, Jarryd vs Edberg, and Henri Leconte vs Ivan Lendl. The women's pairings are less startling: Martina Navratilova vs Dianne Balesrat (formerly Miss Fromholtz), Chris Evert vs Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, Pam Shriver vs Helena Sukova, and Gabriela Sabatini vs Steffi Graf.

There is such a disparity in class between the leading women and the rest that, until yesterday, a series of mostly one-sided matches had defied more than cursory critical attention. Miss Sabatini accidentally summed it up when she said of Miss Graf: "I have not seen Steffi play much here." Nor had anyone else.

Miss Graf had been on and off court so quickly that it was much easier to miss her than catch her. Much the same had applied to the other leading contenders.

Yesterday was different. Miss Graf was taken to 6-4, 6-3, by Jana Novotna, aged 18, a Czechoslovak who first achieved a modest prominence by sharing the mixed doubles title with Miloslav Mecir at the Lipton championships in Florida three months ago. The women's match of the day

though, was that in which Miss Shriver beat the one-time heroine of German tennis, Sylvia Hanika, by 6-7, 7-5, 10-8 in two hours and 33 minutes.

Miss Shriver was in trouble when serving at 4-5 and deuce in the second set. She was in trouble again when serving at 1-4 and deuce in the third set. From 3-5 down she won nine consecutive points but at 6-5 Miss Hanika had two match points, against service. Miss Shriver's tribulations did not end there, but the worst was over.

Her next opponent, Miss Sukova, did not lose a game to Raffaella Reggi, who had only



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14 points to show for 31 minutes of frustration. But Miss Shriver is living on borrowed time and will make the most of it.

Natalia Zvereva's tennis caused a flutter of apprehension among television viewers in the women's dressing room (the information comes second hand) before she was beaten 6-0, 2-6, 6-4 by Miss Sabatini. Miss Zvereva is the first and presumably the last 16-year-old from Minsk to play on the centre court at Wimbledon. She is a tall, leggy lass with a girlish face, a short pony tail and (already) a formidable all court game.

Miss Sabatini romped through the first set at a cost of

only eight points but, after that, often looked rather languid and fragile, as if missing those superb Argentinean strokes. Miss Zvereva's first service and overhead were powerful, her volleys competent, her groundstrokes bold. She also showed precocious assurance in her use of the more subtle one-two punches: drop and passing shot or drop and lob. In short, the top seed in the junior singles rang alarm bells that will echo through many tomorrows.

Chris Evert, who had been threatening to lose a set, finally did so: to Rosalyn Fairbank. Miss Evert led 5-3 in the third set but found it difficult to finish a job that lasted for two hours and seven minutes. The other matches were decided in straight sets, with Mrs Balesrat reminding us of the player she used to be in 1979. That year, too, she played Miss Navratilova in a quarter final.

In the men's event, the expected happened regularly but was seldom boring. Jarryd, who in 1985 became the first Swede to reach the semi-finals since Borg's reign ended, savoured the unwellcome excitement of new discoveries while bouncing about in the company of the recently unknown quantity called Alexander Volkov, a gifted, Leconte-style player from Kaliningrad, formerly Königsberg.

Johan Kriek was again bamboozled by the Lendl jinx. They have played 10 matches in which Lendl has won every set: 24 altogether. Wilander, who confesses that he has little taste for "the limelight", reached the quarter-finals for the first time. "That's a big step for me," he said. "And talking of Swedes, which seems inevitable, would it not be a good idea for Wimbledon to provide spittoons for Wilander and Pernfors?"



Sabatini after surviving a scare against the Russian, Zvereva, powers into the quarter-finals

Touché for a new musketeer

Sport often uses the term "eccentric". An "eccentric" athlete usually has a mildly unusual haircut, or maybe he doesn't like Sylvester Stallone movies to the exclusion of all of life's other pleasures. In short "eccentric" is generally a ludicrous exaggeration.

This is not so with Henri Leconte. With him "eccentric" understates the case quite wildly. The truth is that, by the staid and ordinary standards of sporting mad, Leconte is barking mad. He is literally, my dog-loving colleague, Rex Bellamy, tells me that Leconte, for no reason anyone could fathom, opened a recent press conference by barking like a dog.

He walked out onto the centre court yesterday blowing kisses and was soon machine-gunning errant ball-boys with his racket handle. In a quite delightful match, he outplayed Andres Gomez. He played some gorgeous and extravagant shots, and some ridiculously elaborate dinks and



Simon Barnes

drop-shots. It was splendid. It was worth going to Wimbledon for the entire fortnight just to see the shot with which he reached match-point, a great, sweeping, swashbuckling streak of destruction. He plays his tennis just as Errol Flynn would: wild, inspired and over the top, taking them on three at a time, up and down the stairs, all dash and delight.

For Leconte, chandeliers are never to be thought of as a mere means of illumination, but solely as a method by which the adventurous young man might traverse a room. And for Leconte, tennis is not a matter for the mundane acquisition of points, but an opportunity for playing shots of beauty and perfection. Naturally he is adored. You

can't go to Wimbledon and play like all three musketeers at once, and escape being loved here. "Veev Leconte!" they called, in their terribly English voices, and Leconte struts and shows off and loves every second. He walked onto the centre court with the idea of giving us pleasure, and he didn't seem to want to go afterwards. The place is a perfect stage for him: and if the Marcel Marceau impersonations have been known to make him lose the thread of his game, they haven't lost him any supporters.

Just how many tennis players are there are at Wimbledon who applaud an opponent after an exceptionally pretty shot — how many outside the 35-and-over gentlemen's invitation doubles, that is?

"They say," Mr Bellamy said, "that he is the only player in France never to have had a headache." What is the point of colleagues if you can't steal all their best lines.

Collision course as talks collapse

By Ian Stafford

The European Community (EEC) will today decide whether to take the Football Association (FA) to court or not after the breakdown of talks between themselves and European football's top governing bodies in Brussels yesterday.

At the beginning of this year the EEC announced that unless all restrictions on players from fellow member countries were lifted by yesterday, UEFA, football's European governing body, and the offending national associations would be dragged before the Court of Human Rights.

But at the meeting the football authorities rejected the EEC plan to allow clubs in the Community to field larger numbers of foreign players.

"Unfortunately we reached a complete impasse," Manuel Marín, the EEC commissioner, told a news conference after three hours of talks. He said the stalemate gave clubs who wanted to sign more foreign stars from the EEC against the wishes of their national governing bodies the go-ahead to take their disputes to the European Court of Justice.

This dispute ultimately has lingered for the past 20 years when the issue was first brought to prominence. Although the restriction of players from other EEC countries per club was technically illegal under Community law, a "gentlemen's agreement" between the football associations concerned and the EEC meant that clubs were limited to the number of foreigners they signed.

It seems that both sides are now adamant in their viewpoint. The Community proposed that the restriction should be eased to three foreign players over an experimental period of two years, in reviewed, with the possibility of increasing the numbers in 1990.

But UEFA, significantly backed by the international governing body, FIFA, and by the respective players' football associations, believe that the drain of each country's best players has already passed an acceptable limit. Neither side is prepared to back down.

If the Community gets its way English football, in particular, is more likely to suffer. While the top Italian clubs have seized upon the remarkable skills of Ian Rush, Mark Hateley and Roy Keane, to name but a few, and Spain has enticed Gary Lineker, Mark Hughes and Steve Archibald, among others, English football has had a poor return from top foreign players. Out of 75 imported players to this country the list of successes becomes somewhat thin after Arildes, Muhren and Thijsen.

Gordon Taylor, the chairman of the English Players' Football Association (PFA), is fearful of the implications of the EEC move. "We are all concerned with the player-drain here to Italy and Spain," he said last night. "The wealthy European clubs intend to pillage our national strength. I'm concerned this will become another Denmark, losing the cream of our players abroad. I don't want to restrict Ian Rush but we must stop some players because we will not be able to keep on producing the likes of him year after year."

Taylor is, however, hopeful that if the Community go ahead with their intended plans individual clubs will back their respective associations. "I am very hopeful that the clubs will bear in mind the views of their own governing bodies," he said. "The PFA would find it difficult to support clubs who are willing to use the European Court of Justice."

A spokesman for the Church of England Board for Social Responsibility said: "The introduction of Sunday betting would not be welcomed by the church. It would be a commercialisation of the Sabbath which threatens to turn Sunday into just another day of the week."

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Soundness plans border raid in quest of Sharp

By Ian Ross

In an attempt to strengthen his senior squad in readiness for an assault on the European Cup next season, Graeme Soundness, the manager of Glasgow Rangers, is ready to make an audacious attempt to lure Everton Sharp away from Everton.

But while there is no doubt that Sharp would be interested in moving back north of the border, the indications are that Everton will refuse to open even preliminary discussions.

Colin Harvey, who moved into the Goodison Park managerial seat a fortnight ago following Howard Kendall's departure to Athletic Bilbao, has already made clear his

intention to keep together a squad which claimed the Football League championship for the second time in three years just six weeks ago.

Soundness, still smarting from the decision by Mark Hateley, the England forward, to reject a move to Ipswich, is thought to rate Sharp in the £800,000 bracket, while Everton believe him to be worth almost double that figure.

Peter Beardsley, Newcastle United's England international forward, is expected to complete his £1.8 million move to Liverpool tomorrow after talks aimed at keeping him at St James's Park ended in deadlock earlier in the week.

Opposing views to solution

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Stockholm

The conflict of dates between the Koblenz and International Athletics Club meetings, on August 13 and 14 respectively, which involves the participation of several British athletes, is moving towards some sort of resolution. But the three sides of the debate — Dave Bedford for the IAC, Fredy Schaefer for Koblenz, and Jon Wigley for the International Amateur Athletic Federation, seem to interpret the situation rather differently.

Schaefer had to change his date from August 12 because of a West German football international, but that conflicted with the IAAF's safeguarding the elite participation in the IAC meeting, which is on the premier Mobil Grand Prix circuit.

There is supposed to be a day on either side of a Grand Prix meeting to that end, but Bedford's biggest problem was the intended participation of Britons like Steve Cram, Steve Ovett, Linford Christie and Fatima Whitbread.

Bedford has demanded written assurance from Schaefer that no British athletes will be invited to Koblenz, which is what Wigley understands to be the situation. But Schaefer considers that the thus-far verbal arrangement does not include British athletes who might not be competing in Grand Prix events in London.

That is to say that Ovett could run a 5,000 metres in Koblenz, if Bedford did not have one on his programme, which hardly seems satisfactory from either Bedford's or the IAAF's point of view.

Leander attack ARA policy

By David Miller

Leander Club, hosts of the Henley Regatta which starts today, and one of the most influential collective voices in British rowing, have threatened to withdraw their support from the Amateur Rowing Association's international squad system.

In a letter to J Veats, the chairman of the ARA, J D Randall, Leander's honorary secretary, has protested on behalf of the club committee that the exclusion of all the National Squad crews, with the exception of Holmes and Redgrave, is damaging to the chances of attracting club sponsorship in what is a largely non-spectator sport.

The ARA are accused of harming the reputation of the Royal Regatta: of denying the

national squad members the experience of showing their ability in what is the most publicised domestic event apart from the University Boat Race: of damaging the relationship between the national squad and those clubs who release their oarsmen; and, in particular, of embarrassing Leander with their sponsors in the absence of almost all their own best oarsmen.

If the situation recurs, Leander claim, they would feel obliged to seek a return to a selection procedure based on squads under club control rather than centrally organized as at present.

The ARA's decision was taken primarily by Penny Chuter, their head coach, on the ground that the Royal

Regatta interferes with training schedules for the world championships which take place in Copenhagen in August. Yet Miss Chuter's reasoning is contradicted by the fact that the Soviet Union has entered crews, and they must be regarded as one of the most proficiently trained squads for whom the world championships carry substantially more prestige than does Henley, with all its inconveniences of head-stream and two-boats races.

The controversy is particularly unfortunate for Peter Coni, chairman of the Royal Regatta, who has done so much to make the course at Henley suitable and available for the kind of sponsorship interest which means so much to the future of British rowing.

Same code new club for Davies

Jonathan Davies, the Wales outside half who impressed in the World Cup in New Zealand and Australia, has left Neath to join Llanelli, his home town club. The move ends speculation that Davies was about to turn professional and join a top rugby league club.

"There is no bitterness about my leaving Neath," Davies said. "I have had four very successful seasons there and have made many friends. But I was born and bred in Llanelli and I just want to play for my local side, that's all."

Neath already have a replacement for Davies in Paul Williams, the 22-year-old Wales B international from Newbridge.

Support for Wyatt

By John Goodbody

Peter Lawson, secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, yesterday gave his support to Lord Wyatt of Hereford's Sunday Sports Bill, which will have its second reading in the House of Lords on July 15.

Mr Lawson said: "Everyone should be able to enjoy themselves on Sunday and if this includes paying to go to sports events then so be it. We are the only country in Europe where this does not happen."

Lord Wyatt's Bill seeks to allow entry to be charged to sports events since the current legislation is riddled with inconsistencies. At Wimbledon, where Sunday play was first officially scheduled in 1982, there is only admission

Auckland tour

Auckland, a leading New Zealand Rugby League side, are to tour England. Their programme starts at Leeds on October 25 and ends on November 10 with a game against a Rugby League Chairman's XIII. The tourists will also play Warrington (October 27), St Helens (November 1), Hull (November 4) and Wigan (Nov 8).

McAdoo signs

Bob McAdoo, former NBA player, has extended his contract with Tracer of Milan, the European basketball champions, until 1988.

Weighing in

Andy Holligan, the ABA lightweight champion, aged 19, from Liverpool, has turned professional.

Broome in UK side

David Broome and his sister, Liz, will represent Britain at the La Baule Nations Cup Show in France from July 11 to 14. Broome will ride Countryman and Lannegan while Liz's mounts will be Everest Rapier and Everest Asher.

The rest of the five-strong British team, sponsored by F and S, is Geoff Billington (Edmsford Bridge and Safford), David Bowen (San Francisco and Hawk) and Kelly Brown (Chandon Foxlight and M and C Springlight).

Gilbert offer

Widnes have given Sheffield Eagles permission to approach transfer-listed John Gilbert.



Broome: riding for Britain

On the way up

Silvio Grappasonni, Italian golfer, has won the £500 Epson shooting star award for June after jumping 99 places in the Epson Order of Merit from 209 to 110. The next best performance came from Paul Curry, of England, who improved his position by 38 places.

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